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#### KAL 'guilty of willful misconduct'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. jury Wednesday found Korean Airlines (KAL) gulity of willful misconduct when one of its planes flew off course six years ago and was shot down by a Soviet war plane, killing all 269 people aboard. The federal jury of three men and three women ruled that the stoward. The teneral jury of three men and three women ruled that the actions by KAL's crew were one of the causes of the downing of Flight 007 by a Soviet fighter plane. Wednesday's verdict permits the families of the dead passengers to file individual suits seeking damages in excess of a \$75,000 per passenger limit on compensation set under international treaty. After the ruling read in court by U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson, the jury began deliberating the question of whether the families of the state of the st are entitled to punitive damages as well and if so, in what amount. In final arguments Tuesday after a two-week trial in U.S. district court, lawyers for families of the victims said Flight 097 was off course almost from the minute it left the ground in Anchorage, Alaska, and headed to its Pacific Ocean route for Scoul, South Korea.

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# **Bhutto** to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has accepted an invitation to visit Jordan this year, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported Wednesday.

Petra quoted a spokesman for the Prime Ministry as saying the visit comes upon an invitation by Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Petra said the date of the visit was not yet fixed and would be Sharif Zaid, Qasem

return from Jeddah AMMAN (Petra) - Prime turned to Amman Wednesday Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker afternoon. and Deputy Prime Minister Mar-

wan Al Qasem accompanied His

They had remained in Jeddah at the request of King Fahd of Majesty King Hussein on a visit Saudi Arabia to continue discusto Saudi Arabia on Monday re- sions that started Monday.

# Committee donates JD 1.5 m to intifada

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian fund-raising group said Wednesday it had collected JD 2.06 million and contributed JD 1.5 million to the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Mandouh Al Abbadi, treasurer, of the Popular Committee for Supporting the Intifada, told reporters the funds had been raised since January.

"We gave JD 1,000 to families of each martyr and JD 200 to each one wounded in the intifada," he said.

"We also supplied hospitals with equipment and medical supplies," he

At a press conference he held Wednesday at the Professional Association Complex Wednesday, Abbadi said that a total of JD 1,587,252 was paid.

The committee also sent about 3,500 printouts to medical institutions all over the world urging them to contribute to alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people, he added.

The National Medical Institution (NMI), Abbadi said, has been training a number of doctors from the West Bank and Gaza Strip on means to treat people suffering from gunshots, poisonous gases, and other injuries.



A three-year-old girl cries after her house was destroyed in West Beirut during shelling between rival forces.

Ramadan: Jordan, Iraq seek new initiative

# Iraq calls for Arab summit on Lebanon

BAGHDAD (Agencies) -- Iraq deteriorate even more and furth- Jordan and Iraq had agreed on a called Wednesday for an Arab summit to discuss the Lebanese civil war.

Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz told the Iraqi News Agency (INA) that after the failure of an Arab League mediation committee on Lebanon Arab leaders should take a new approach.

"Now that the committee has announced it has reached a dead end, Iraq strongly reaffirms the necessity for a pan-Arab settlement of the Lebanese crisis," Aziz said.

He urged the calling of an emergency Arab summit, which he said should be responsible for settling the crisis in Lebanon. saving it from foreign occupation and terror and restoring peace

and unity. Iraq supports the military government of Lebanese army commander Michel Aoun while Syria backs a rival civilian government led by acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss.

Aziz said the Arab World had to take an urgent initiative to help Lebanon or the situation would

er threaten Arab security.
The foreign ministers of Alger-

ia, Morocco and Saudi Arabia said Monday that despite exhaustive efforts to bring peace to Lebanon they had found it impossible to end the 14-year-old

Both Syria and Iraq had said they backed the Arab League peace moves.

Speaking after two days of talks in Algiers and Rabat, the three ministers said that their mission had reached a dead end.

An emergency Arab summit in Casablanca in May gave their heads of state six months to end the fighting in Lebanon and start talks on reforming the Christiandominated political system.

Repeated ceasefire calls have failed to halt artillery battles pitting Aoun's troops against Syrian-backed Lebanese militias in which more than 500 people have died since March.

In Amman, Iraqi First Deputy Agency, Petra, Wednesday that ployed in Lebanon.

new Arab initiative to save

His Majesty King Hussem and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq have "agreed on the necessity for Arab leaders to make a historic move to save Lebanon and return its life to normal. including the country's sovereignty and the unity of its lands." Ramadan said in a departure statement to Petra.

He did not specify what form

that action might take. Ramadan said he delivered a letter to the King from the Iraqi leader after his arrival Tuesday and was taking a royal message back in return. He did not elaborate on the contents.

Ramadan said talks touched on efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war. the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) and the Palestine problem as well as Lebanon.

Iraq had supported a proposal made by King Hussein at the Prime Minister Taha Yassin Casablanca summit for Arab Ramadan told the Jordan News peace-keeping troops to be de-

# Hizbollah warns U.S. to stay away

NICOSIA (Agencies) Lebanese militants warned Washington Wednesday there would be "no limits..." to our reprisals" if the United States. retaliated over the reported kill-ing of kidnapped U.S. Marine Colonel William Higgins in

Sheikh Abbas Musawi, a top figure in the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) issued the warning in an interview with Reuters following reports that 14 American warships — a number of them in the Mediterranean had hurriedly left port.

Musawi said Washington could

not afford the price of "another crime in our area."

"If the new American tyrant (President George) Bush commits any action, we will teach him a lesson he will never foreget," Musawi said, recalling attacks by pro-Iranian militants against U.S. forces in Lebanon since 1982, including a suicide truck bomb that killed 241 Marines in their Beirut barracks in October 1983,

We taught America a lesson that it will never forget. It was a harsh lesson to the U.S. administration," Musawi said.

The Organisation of the Oppressed of the World said Monday it had hanged Higgins after Israel failed to release Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, a leading Lebanese clergymen abducted by Israeli forces from South Lebanon last week.

A second American captive in Lebanon, Joseph Cicippio, has also been threatened with death Thursday unless Israel gives in to the demands for the release of Obeid, a Hizbollah leader.

U.S. Defence Department officials said that the flagship and commander of the Sixth Fleet cancelled a Soviet port call in order to be "at the beck and call" of Bush in case he needs them in the current hostage situation. The USS Belknap, the flagship of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, cancelled its scheduled visit to the Soviet port of Sevastapol, and the aircraft carrier USS America also has cut short a visit and left the port of Singapore, other officials

Overall, there are some 25 U.S. ships in the Mediterranean at this time, with approximately 20 others in the Gulf and Indian Ocean region, Defence Depart-

ment officials said. Officials of Israel and the United States said that the two sides were cooperating closely to resolve the crisis.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly told reporters after talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens: "Both governments are going to try to cooperate very closely to bring things to an improvement."

He would not elaborate on details of the talks, but Arens. said Washington was pressing iran and Syria to get extremists in Lebanon to release 17 Western

hostages and three Israeli soldiers they are believed to hold. Arens told reporters Kelly had expressed no criticism of the

Israeli kidnapping.

Meanwhile, U.N. Undersecretary-General Marrack Goulding also arrived in the region and flew into South Lebanon by helicopter to investigate the report that the kidnappers had hanged Higgins, who was serving as a U.N. truce observer when he was kidnapped in Lebanon in February last year.

Bush is getting help from the world leaders to try to solve the hostage crisis, but the White House cautioned against hopes for a quick resolution. The Vatican announced that

Pope John Paul II would help seek the return to the United States of Higgins' body. In a 12-minute telephone call Tuesday, Bush asked the Pope to intercede in getting Higgins' body returned if, in fact, the officer had ben killed. "His Holiness expressed the

willingness of the Holy See to find a solution to this problem," a Vatican statement said. Bush also called Turkish Prime

Minister Turgut Ozal, while other U.S. officials contacted the Soviet Union and other countries in the Middle East to seek assistance in winning freedom for the remaining Western hostages in Lebanon.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said in Tehran that Moscow would use its growing influence in Iran on behalf of the hostages. West Germany is using its con-

tacts with Iran and Syria to try to help save the lives of Westerners held hostage, a Bonn government official said, adding: "The American government asked us to use our influence in order to help save the lives of hostages."

Several U.S. officials said Tuesday that while the option of military retaliation remaining a possibility, Bush was unlikely to order such a strike for fear of harming other hostages.

Tehran Radio warned that any israeli or U.S. commando action to

prevent the killing of Western hostages in Lebanon would women the

I said Israel's "hasty and improvist act" in seizing Obeid was made in collaboration with the United States. Israel now faced an impasse, it said. Releasing Obeid would be seen as a damning retreat, while his con-tinued detention could "lead to the execution of more Western hostages, increasing public opinion pressure on the United States and Israel."

"Another option might be an attack by commandos of the United States, Israel or their mercenaries against those they claim are involved in hostage-taking in Lebanon;" said the racio commentary, monitored in

"In that case, the situation will become so complex that a solution will become difficult."

In Moscow, a Soviet Poreign Minis-try spokesman denounced the reported hanging at an "inhuman action."

Violence in Sri Lanka, talks in Delhi

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Fire destroyed at least 25 shops owned by Tamils of Indian descent, police said Wednesday as the government tried again to break an impasse over the withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping forces from Sri Lanka.

Elsewhere, the military said Sinhalese extremists killed at least seven people since Tuesday in central and southern Sri

No casualties were reported in Tuesday night's blaze that gutted

the shops in a 52-year-old, two-storey shopping complex, said one police official.

The official said the building had housed jewelry stores, a stationery shop and a pharmacy. Police said investigations had

begun into the blaze, which they said may have been caused by an electrical short-circuit. But investigators, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they could not rule out arson. Sinhalese radicals have stirred

up an anti-India campaign to pro-

test the presence of about 45,000 peacekeeping soldiers deployed in the Tamil-dominated north

and east. In New Delhi, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wiieratne met with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi Wednesday to negotiate the withdrawal of the Indian soldiers. Details of the talks were not immediately

The chief minister of Sri Lanka's Tamil-dominated north-east council left for New Delhi on

Wednesday to join the talks, offi-

cial sources said. They said Vartharaja Perumal was left aboard an Indian air force aircraft accompanied by a minister, a member of the council and three senior officials.

India withdrew a token 600 soldiers Saturday, averting a threatened confrontation between Colombo and New Delhi after Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa set July 29 as a deadline for a complete troop pullout.

#### Hun Sen to cooperate with U.N mission

PARIS (AP) — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said Wednesday he had instructed his government to welcome a U.N. mission dispatched by an international peace conference.

"I have already given instruc-tions to give all the assistance necessary to this technical mission," Hun Sen told reporters at At the start of the international

conference on Cambodia Sunday, Hun Sen had opposed the United Nations playing any role in monitoring implementation of a pecce

Hun Sen said he changed his mind about the U.N. mission after receiving assurances from U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the foreign ministers of Canada and Australia that the presence of the factfinding mission did not imply future U.N. involvement in peace

The United Nations recognises the coalition of three Cambodian factions as the nation's legitimate

representtive and not Hun Sen's government, installed by Vietnam after it invaded Cambodia in

Hun Sen said foreign ministers attending the 19-nation confer-ence on Cambodia had "called on all parties to create conditions for the success of this mission, and we intend to comply." Cambodia will attempt to pro-

vide security for the mission "in the areas under our control," he

The U.N. team will present the information gathered to a committee charged with creating a mechanism for monitoring the pullout of Vietnamese troops. Vietnam, which sent its army into Cambodia in 1978, has said it will withdraw all troops by Sept. 27. It was not clear when the U.N.

team would leave for Cambodia or whether the Communist Khmer Ronge, one of the three resistance factions, would make the imprecedented gesture of allowing the mission to visit the refugée camps it controls.

The Khmer Ronge - who are held responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths during the three years it ruled the country remain Hun Sen's arch enemies but apparently shared his reserva-tions about the U.N. team.

In a meeting with reporters Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said he hosted a dinner for the Khmer Ronge representative, Khien Samphan, to explain the nonpolitical nature of the U.N. team. China has been the main sup-

porter and arms supplier of the Khmer Rouge, the strongest of the resistance factions, with an estimated 45,000 troops. The involvement of the Khmer Rouge in a future Cambodian

government remains one of the maior obstacles to finding a peaceful solution to the conflict. Oian said China still supports a transitional government that includes the Khmer Rouge, Hun Sen and the leaders of the other two resistance factions — Prince

Norodom Sihanouk and Son

But, he indicated that China might be willing to see the Khmer Rouge represented in the new government by new leaders, rather than by those associated with the 1975-78 reign of terror. Parallel talks among the four Cambodian factions broke down last week, and Hun Sen said no new talks were planned because the Khmer Rouge refuses to return to the negotiating table. He added that he planned to meet with Sihanouk late Wednesday before leaving Paris Thursday. At the close of the meeting

Tuesday, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said the unanimous agreement by the delegates to dispatch the fact-finding mission and set up a work programme was "a great first step" towards peace.

But Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark cautioned against "high expectations."

We should not assume that a problem that has endured for de-cades can be solved in a month."

# **More West Bank** schools reopened

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) The Israeli occupation authorities Wednesday reopened more than 300 Arab schools in the occupied West Bank which have been closed for most of the 19month-old Palestinian uprising.

As pupils went back to class. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly arrived for talks which will include Israeli proposals for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Some 69.000 Palestinian chil-

dren in grades seven, eight and nine returned to 324 schools without incident, said a spokeswoman for the occupation authorities in the West Bank. The move marks the second-

stage in a gradual reopening of West Bank schools announced July 12. The army reopened primary

and 12th grade schools late last month after students' parents and school principals gave assurances that children would not demonstrate during class hours. No timetable was set for

reopening 10th and 11th grade classes, said Israeli spokeswoman Renee Freedman. "There's a feeling of relaxation

after a lot of tension and a hope that they will not be closed again," said Palestinian commentator Daoud Kuttab. The West Bank 's 1,200 Arab

schools were first closed in February 1988 two months after the start of the Palestinian uprising. The military said they were hotbeds of violence. Kelly, a former U.S. ambassa-

dor to Lebanon, began his first visit to Israel in his current post by meeting Foreign Minister Moshe Arens. He was scheduled to meet

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Thursday morning and a group of Palestinian leaders from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in the afternoon.

Palestinians said the group planned to present a memorandum outlining their position on their quest to end the occupation.

They would object to Kelly's plans not to meet officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) during his swing through the Middle East, they said. Kelly is also to visit Egypt and Jordan.

The Israeli proposats have been complicated by disputes in Shamir's Likud party, with hardliners demanding tough conditions for any poll in the occupied territories that could lead to limited Palestinian self-rule.

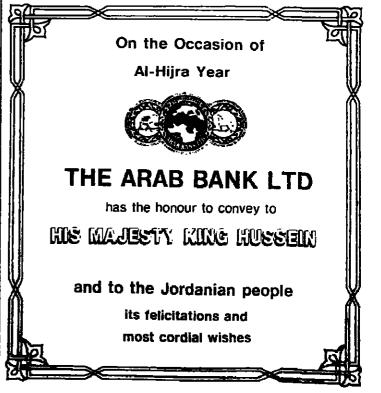
The United States expressed concern the conditions would prevent Palestinian agreement to the plan, but the government recently reaffirmed the plan without them.

In the Gaza Strip, Jamil Mohammad Shehada, 30, from Jabalya refugee camp was found stabbed to death at dawn Tuesday. Palestinians said he was suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

Kelly also met Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, who said much of their conversation focused on the Israeli initiative. 'Most of the time was devoted

to... the peace momentum, which is the major issue after all," Peres told reporters.

Kelly's visit has been overshadowed by Israel's abduction of a pro-Iranian Muslim cleric from Lebanon and the reported killing of a U.S. hostage in retaliation.





# Ecitut

BEIRUT (AP) — Rival gunners skirmished intermittently with mortars and automatic rilles in Beirut and the surrounding mountains Wednesday and a police spokesman said six people were wounded.

The spokesman, who cannot be mamed under standing rules, said they also fired rocket-propelled grenades at each other's positions across the capital's dividing green

Four of the casualties were wounded in east Beirut and two in the city's western sector, most of them by sniper fire, he said. By police count, the five-

month confrontation between army commander Michel Aoun's predominantly Christian soldiers and Syrian-backed militie forces in Lebanon has claimed 511 lives and wounded 2,168 people.

The skirmishing, combined with fears that heavy shelling would resume, prompted cancellation of traditional celebraitions of the Islamic new year,

Middle East News in Brief

N'DJAMENA (R) — A Chadian government delegation is visiting

Libya to resume peace efforts that foundered two weeks ago over

how to resolve a dispute over the Aouzou Strip border region. The

trip is a follow-up to the July 20 meeting in the Malian capital

Bamako between Chad's President Hissene Habre and Libyan

ieader iduammar Qachafi. delegation head Mahamat Korom told

CAIRO (AP) -- Pope Shenouda III, spiritual leader of more than

six million Coptic Christians, will spend about two months in the United States this year as part of a pastoral tour of three continents. It will be his second major world swing since becoming

pope in November 1971. Besides the United States, he is to visit Britain, Canada and Australia.

S. Arabia eases restrictions on S. Yemenis

NECOSIA (R) - Saudi Arabia has agreed to ease travel and work

restrictions on half a million South Yemenis living in the kingdom.

A statement issued after a two-day visit by South Yemeni Prime Minister Yassin Said No'man to Jeddah said the two states

reviewed "treatment of South Yemenis in Saudi Arabia and agreed

NOUAKCHOTT (R) - Mauritania has accused Senegal of trying

to escalate a four menth-old border dispute which has led to

hundreds of dead and thousands of displaced people in the two

neighbouring countries. "Senegal has reverted to a hardline and

outdated stance which is a further indication of its determination to

escalate (the row)." Mauritanian Foreign Minister Cheikh Sidi

Mauritania: Senegal escalating row

Abraed Ould Baba said in a statement Tuesday.

Chad sends delegation to Libya

Coptic pope to visit U.S.

to ease travel and work measures."

which fell Wednesday. Dar Al Fatwa, the highest Sunni Muslim religious authority, cal-led off its traditional new year reception because of the current round of violence.

Sheikh Rashid, a clergyman at the Dar Al Fatwa Centre, said: There is no celebration mood. Beirut has been largely demolished and hundreds of innocent people have been killed. Do you expect anyone to celebrate anything?"

Ferocious artillery dueis between Aoun's gunners and the Syrian-backed militias inflicted serve damage on most of Beirut forcing 1.3 million of its original 1.5 million population to desert the city and seek refuge in safer

However, government offices, banks, and other businesses closed in Beirut's both sectors to mark the new year's day, regarded as an official holiday throughout the country.

The current confrontation broke out March 8, two days after Aoun blockaded illegal ports run by militias south of Beirut for of about \$100 million annually in lost customs dues.

shelling rages

The Syrians and their militia allied forces retaliated by shelling and besieging the 800-square-kilometre Christian enclave northeast of Beirut.

A three-member Arab League foreign ministers' mediation committee said Tuesday it has reached an "impasse" for which it blamed Syria.

King Hassan II of Morocco, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadh Ben-jedid were asked by a Arab summit May 26 to find a settlement by November to the 14-year civil war. Their foreign ministers have been shuttling between Beirut and Damascus since then.

The daily newspaper Safir described the committee's report as very serious because it reflected hostile attitude towards Svria."

Farouq Abillama, an aide to Aoun, described the committee's report as an "indictment of the Syrian presence in Lebanon."

Iran

reported

overseas

assassin

WASHINGTON (AP) - West-

ern law enforcement officials and

diplomats believe Iran is re-

sponsible for two recent political

murders outside its borders, rais-

ing fears that Tehran has set up a

unit of assassins to kill foes on

foreign soil, a newspaper re-

The Washington Post, in a

dispatch from Dubai appearing in Wednesday editions, said Iranian

assassins or are suspected of the

murders of a Kurdish leader in

Vienna, Austria, and a former

Iranian military intelligence offic-

Unidentified Iranian exile

sources were quoted as saying

Iran's Revolutionary Guards

have set up a team of assassins.

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Children swim in a river in South Lebanon as their parents prepare lunch in their makeshift tent at the bank of the river. They are an

# Superpowers make little headway on Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM (Agencies) — Two days of talks on Afghanistan by U.S. and Soviet officials in Stockholm have failed to achieve progress, according to a senior U.S. official.

"Other than a frank exchange we came to no results at all." U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly told reporters Tuesday at the end of the talks, the first superpower meeting on Afghanistan at this level in 15

The Soviet delegation leader, Ambassador-at-large Nikolai Kozyrov, would not comment, beyond saying the talks were "fruitful and useful."

As the delegations met in Stockholm, reports from Afghanistan indicated both the U.S. and the Soviet Union had stepped up arms shipments — to the Soviet-backed government of President Najibuliah and the U.S.-supported Mujahedeen guerrillas respectively.

Keily said significant differ-

eaces between the parties still blocked progress towards ending the conflict.

"We believe that the will of the Afghan people is that there

should be a different regime in Kabul.

"But the Soviet government is supplying more than \$200 million worth of weaponry to Kabul each month to keep it (the Najibullah regime) in power," he said.

When Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan last February, it was widely expected that the Najibullah government would collapse within weeks. But the Mujahedeen, entang-

led by internal divisions, have managed to secure only six of 31 provincial capitals and bave also failed to gain control of the strategic eastern city of Jalalabad.
The Soviet ambassador in

Kabul said last month that the Soviet delegation would use the Stockholm meeting to propose an agreement with the United States obliging both superpowers to stop supplying arms for the war. But Kelly said no agreement of this kind had been reached.

Rockets seized

in Kabul, a government spokesman said Tuesday a major military operation in and around the Afghan capital resulted in the

confiscation of 100 rockets and 50

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani said the government issued urgent instructions to the armed forces Monday to take any military measures necessary to stop rocket attacks that have hit almost daily in the capital since late June. No rockets fell on Kabul Tuesday.

United Nations sources said that since June 25, rockets and a car bombing have killed 281 people and injured 745, virtually all civilians. On Monday, Kabul was pounded by 14 rockets that killed people and injured 58.

Amani said a search operation started Monday evening and continued until Tuesday morning.

Government forces confiscated large quantities of arms and documents, and arrested about 50 people, Amani said. After identity checks, some were released, but he did not say how many.

In one operation in northeast Kabul, he said, 100 rockets, some Egyptian-and Chinese-made. were confiscated.

The account could not be veri-

fied independently.

they were jailed for political

One prisoner who gave his

name as Mohammad Aragi said

he was a member of Iran's

outlawed Tudeh Communist

He said a revolutionary court

sentenced him to death on

charges of spying for the Soviet Union, but his sentence

was commuted to life imprison-

ment under another annesty

declared by Iran's late revolu-

tionary patriarch, Ayatollah

time in jail during the Shah's

Aragi, 56, said he also spent

Ruhollah Khomeini.

# Shevardnadze ends Iran visit with mediation offer

vardnadze left Tehran Tuesday after announcing that the Soviet Union was willing to mediate in deadlocked peace talks between Iran and Iraq, Tehran Radio reported.

The radio also quoted Shevardnadze, who arrived Monday, as telling President-elect Hasnemi Raisanjani that Iraq should withdraw from the Iranian territory it

"We deeply regret that a group of Iranian and Iraqi people are held captives, but their release would be impossible before Iraq's withdrawal from Iranian soil," the radio reported

He was referring to more than 100,000 prisoners of war (PoW) held by both sides.

In a meeting with Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Shevardnadze said the Soviet Union was willing to exploit good relations with both Gulf war foes in an effort to further the talks, according to the broadcast monitored in Nicosia

The Iran-Iraq peace talks started five days after a United Nations-mediated ceasefire halted the war last Aug. 20, but deadlocked immediately.

Further rounds of negotiation faltered over Tehran's demand that Iraq must withdraw all its troops from 1,000 square kilometres and Baghdad's insist-ence that the Shatt Al Arab waterway should belong to Iraq.

Iran argues that . sovereignty over the waterway should be

Referring to recently improved bilateral ties, Shevardnadze said: "Our two countries have opened a new chapter in relations."

"We are prepared to expand ties in all fields with respect to the socio-political order which the Iranian nation has independently chosen," the radio quoted him as

In his meeting with Velayati, Shevardnadze stressed the need for regular exchanges with the

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Soviet Iranian foreign minister "in the interests of international peace," the radio reported.

Velayati welcomed Shevard nadze's offer to intercede in the peace talks.

He hinted before Shevard. nadze's arrival that fran would like the Soviet Union to use its influence in the United Nations

to pressure fraq. The Soviets are thought to have leverage with Baghdad as Iraq's main arms suppliers in the Gulf war.

Shevardnadze also met Tuesday with Prime Minister Hussein Musevi, the radio said:

Musavi, the radio said:
According to the Soviet TASS news agency, Shevarduadze and Rafsanjam also capressed regret at the reported killing of American hostage Lieutenant-Colonei William Higgins.
Rafsanjam, in his first meeting with a foreign matesmen more his election Friday, also signed a joint statement "condemning all acts of a terroristic nature," the official Soviet news agency said.

official Soviet news agency said.

TASS said the two men noted a nearing of Soviet and Iranian positions on finding a solution to the civil war in Afghanistan and setting up a broad-based govern-

ment there. TASS said Shevarduadze expressed "serious concern" to Rafsanjani over the kidnapping by Israeli commandos of Shi'ite Muslim cleric Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid from his home in

South Lebanon Friday and the reported hanging of Higgins. Rafsanjani, having expressed deep regret about what had hap-pened, confirmed that Iran has no connection with the tragedy played out in Lebanon," TASS

"The sides condemned all acts of a terrorist nature and called for the adoption of urgent measures to prevent a further exacerbation of the situation," it added. Shevardnadze discussed the

simation in Lebanon during his talks with Velayati. They agreed to hold further close consultations on the issue, TASS said.

# SPLA promises safe conduct for relief train

way for the moving of a relief train carrying 1,350 tons of relief food to starving southerners by

me racio of the Su Liberation Army (SPLA) said Tuesday.

We reassure the concerned sides that the (SPLA) movement will take all the necessary steps for the protection of train in its passage through the SPLA-held areas," it added. It was monitored in Khartonin.

The United Nations said last. month that the third 45-car train which was supposed to leave June 17 for Aweil, a major centre for displaced people in the south, would not leave without assurances of safety from the rebels. The train convoy distributes relief

bel-held areas.

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — not immediately available to Southern rebels have cleared the comment on the rebel announcement.

announcing they would ensure its

"We once again reaffirm our

Since a massive U.N.-coordinated relief operation started last April to transfer 105,000 tons of relief material into the south before the summer rains, only two train convoys have moved. While travelling in SPLA-held areas, both were subjected to attacks by bandits and hungry villagers who seized much of the relief on

to both government-held and re-

United Nations officials were

The U.N. says that 250,000 died in 1988 from starvation, disease and from the fighting in the south. They warned that 100,000 could die this year maless enough

has been moved. The SPLA radio also said that presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia would act as

Sudan's military rulers.

The radio said the two African leaders had told the SPLA they would try to mediate an end to Sudan's six-year-old civil war. It

gave no other details.

in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa later this week. The SPLA, fighting to end what it regards as domination of

the south by the north, has its The rebel radio, citing what it

said were circumstances beyond the SPLA control, also said Garang had postponed a major address due to have been made Tuesday.

# have set up a team of assassins. Shah's brother serving 10-year sentence at Evin

By Alex Esty The Associated Press

TEHRAN - Yamid Reza Pahlavi, a younger brother of the late Shah of Iran, grinned a toothless smile in the cell he shares with 23 other convicts in patorious Evin prison and said: Things could be worse."

Speaking in broken English to a group of foreign reporters on a government-guided tour of prison in north Tehran. Pahlavi said he was serving a 10-year sentence "for a family reason," but declined to be more specific.

He said he had seven more years to serve.

Poblavi, wearing a white Tshirt and gray pajama trousers. lay sprawled on blankets spread on the cell floor. Fils cell had no

bed and no other furniture. Prison officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the prisoner had been disowired

as a drug addict by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi before the February 1979 revolution that toppled the monarchy.

The Shah fled Iran a month

earlier, with other family members. He underwent medical treatment for cancer in the United States, then went to Panama and on to Egypt where he died in July 1980. The officials said Yamid

Reza Pahlavi was arrested as a vagrant and imprisoned three vears ago. "We are well-treated here," said Pahlavi, 58. He added that

he was kept busy "gardening and looking after roses."
Other inmates in his cell included a former general and senior officials of the Shah's

government who refused to give their names. The encounter with the Shah's brother was the highlight of Sunday's conducted

tour arranged by the Ministry

of Islamic Guidance. In a bizarre incident, a Dan-

ish reporter was attacked by a prison guard while the group was inspecting a block of empty cells. "I was walking down a corri-

dor when suddenly this man started shouting in Farsi and then pushed me into a cell and started beating me up," said Kurt Lyndorff, a correspondent for the Danish newspaper Jylands Posten. Later, the guard, a bearded,

middle-age man who refused to give his name, started shouting that all the reporters on the tour were Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Soviet KGB

The guard later apologised and said he pushed Lyndorff into a cell because the reporter had refused to identify himself as part of the group.

The journalists, most of whom were from Western

countries, were among a limited number allowed into Iran to cover the July 28 presidential elections.

The reporters were shown. one of a dozen empty blocks of cells in the sprawling jail that held thousands of political prisoners in the Islamic revolution's early days. Prison officials said the block

was emptied after an amnesty declared in February during celebrations of the revolution's 10th anniversary. Hundreds of "enemies of the

revolution" reportedly were executed in the prison, set on a steep mountain slope in fashionable north Tehran, across a narrow wooded valley from a leading hotel, the Grand

The reporters were shown another block containing 12 large cells, about 12 metres by nine metres, each with 24 inmates. Each had a television

set, but no furniture. The prisoners were sprawled on blankets, reading newspapers. Officials escorting the jour-nalists refused to say how many

prisoners were in the jail. Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said earlier at a news conference that the only political prisoners left in Evin were those serving life sentences for capital crimes. Mohtashemi said most pris-

oners now were drug addicts or narcotics peddlers jailed during an anti-drug crackdown laun-ched by the government in January. The reporters also were

shown the prison workshop, where inmates were making military uniforms and shoes. The Guidance Ministry provided interpreters so reporters

could converse with the prison-

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ers. A few inmates spoke En-

All those interviewed said

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# Queen visits Ma'an

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor visited Ma'an Wednesday and toured the village of Diagha, 50 kilometres west of the Ma'an Governorate. The Queen conveyed to the

notables and people of Diagha His Majesty King Hussein's regards and inspected the services available in the area.

Accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Hamzah, Queen Noor mangurated the Social Cenire, recently established by the Union of Voluntary Societies, and toured the health centre and the elementary school.

Queen Noor also inspected the nutrition centre, opened by the Ministry of Social Development and provides a daily hot meal for the children and students, and inquired about the health situation in the village.

- Later Wednesday the Queen discussed with the people the prospects of opening new projects that are capable of overcoming their economic difficulties, and of upgrading their social, educational, and health situation. The chief of the village council delivered a speech, in which he welcomed Queen Noor and thanked her for her visit to the

. He conveyed the gratitude and appreciation of the people for Queen Noor's donations to the

school and to the social centre. He noted that the Queen's efforts to provide the village with improved services and new facilities will surely contribute in the development of their living stan-

A playground has been constructed at the elementary school. and a secondary class will be made available for the village students by the beginning of the upcoming academic year.

Medical services have been rendered free of charge for the people, TV transmission has been improved and many of the basic services were made more accessi-

bie to the village.
Furthermore, sewing lessons will be offered to the women of Dlagha to enable them to become productive members of the society and improve their family in-

Accompanying Queen Noor during her visit were Musister of Health and Social Development Dr. Zuhair Malhas, Ma'an Governor Eid Qatarneh, chief of police; Brigadier Eid Shihan, Col. Fawwaz Al Zaben, King Hussein's advisor for tribal affairs, Mr. Mohammad Sqour, secretary general of the Ministry of Social Development, and Dr. Abduliah Al Khatib, secretary general of the General Union of Voluntary Societies.



Her Majesty Queen Noor meets women and children from Ma'an' during a visit she paid to the area Wednesday (Petra photo)

# Crown Prince, Ramadan open exhibition of Iraqi products

two-week exhibition of Iragi products was opened Wednesday at the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Complex at Wadi Saqra Street by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan.

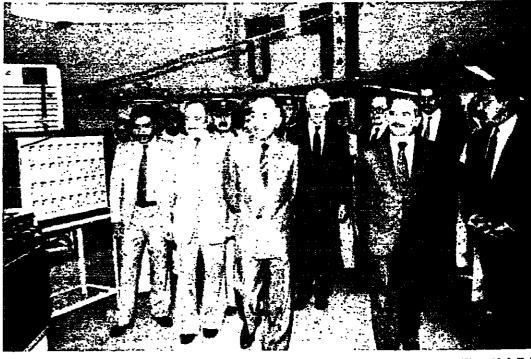
Prince Hassan and Ramadan toured the different parts of the exhibition and inspected various items on display.

According to Ministry of In-dustry and Trade officials here, the exhibition display foodstuffs, textiles, electrical appliances, chemical and plastic products, handicrafts and another assortment of Iraqi products.

Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Interior Salem Masaadeh, a number of other ministers and officials as well as Iraqi embassy staff attended the open-

ing ceremony. Later, Mr. Hadi Taleb Ibrahim. commercial attache at the Iraqi embassy here said that the exhibition, the second of its kind in the country, is aimed at intro-



exhibition of Iraqi products at the King Abdullah His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Iraqi Complex in Amman (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan) First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan Wednesday inspect the different sections of the

ducing the Iraqi goods and various export products to the Jordanian public.

The exhibition was organised verbal message to His Majesty King Hussein from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Ramadan said he was happy

in implementation of minutes of the joint Jordanian-Iragi ministerial meeting held here earlier and with the purpose of bolstering Jordanian-Iragi relations in trade and economic fields, Ibrahim noted in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Ibrahim paid tribute to the efforts of officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Amman Development Corporation who helped to organise the exhibition.

He said that an exhibition of Jordanian products will be organised in Baghdad in September. Later, Ramadan, who left for

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry

of Agriculture Wednesday

announced that it has embarked

on the implementation of the first

phase of a soil survey and classi-

fication project in the Kingdom

which is being financed through a

grant from the European Com-

According to Mr. Baker

Qudah, assistant technical direc-

tor of the project, the work will

be carried out in three stages

which will last more than eight

The EC last month pledged

through an agreement signed

here to provide \$3.5 million for

the project which will be carried

out by a firm under contract with

The project according to EC

officials will provide the country

with a tool to protect the soil and

It entails wide agricultural pro-

duction, expansions in rain-fed

regions and areas irrigated by

river water alike. The grant was

part of the EC assistance prog-

ramme to Jordan under the

increase food production.

munity (EC).

that the visit offered him the chance to meet with the King and Prince Hassan to review a number of pan-Arab and international issues as well as means of bolstering cooperation among the four member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) of which Iraq and Jordan are members.

The talks also covered the ACC's coming meeting in Sanaa and were identical on all topics discussed. The views of both sides were identical on various topics, Ramadan noted in his pre-departure statement.

Referring to the Lebanese question and the work of the home, said that he delivered a three member committee

second and third protocols signed

Baker told the Jordan News

Agency. Petra, that the first

phase entails an exploratory

study covering all parts of Jordan

and the preparation of soil maps

using the remote sensing tech-

The second phase which will

cover eight million dunums of

land is expected to be more de-

tailed and will pinpoint areas to

be given priority for develop-

ment. Baker noted. He said that

the second phase is expected to

take two years to be completed.

one million dunums entails ex-

ecuting maintenance of soil.

planting of forest trees and car-

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He noted that the third phase is

"This project is deemed neces-

Baker said.

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Ministry starts implementation of

soil survey, classification project

here in 1982 and 1987.

appointed by the Arab League to find a peaceful formula for Lebanon. Ramadan said that both King Hussein and President Hussein are in agreement on the need for the heads of Arab countries to take a collective measure to save Lebanon and protect its national

He said that the Palestine question and developments in the occupied Arab lands came under review in his meeting with the King with whom he also discussed cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Chief of the Royal Court Thougan Hindawi, several cabinet members and other officials and high ranking army officers were at the airport to bid farewell to the Iraqi minister.

for agricultural production," Bak-

He said that Jordan's total area

is 96,000 square kilometres, most

of which is unused and unex-

ploited due to a host of reasons,

including mis-use of land and soil.

expansion of cities and villages in

the Kingdom has le' swallow-

ing up of enormous areas of land

and the destruction of plants-

and water has aggravated the

situation and prompted the gov-

ernment to take action and carry

Baker said that the lack of a

general survey of the soil in the

Kingdom, the poor pasture lands

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Ministry of Agriculture to con-

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### Centres for organising flow of bridge travellers to close

AMMAN (J.T.) — The three centres opened in Jordan last month to organise travel to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will close down as of Sunday Aug. 6, 1989, according to a statement by the Public Security Department (PSD) here Wednesday.

The statement said that the centres will be closed in view of the decline in the number of travellers who, from now on can. go directly to the bridges for their trip across the bridges to the West

The three centres - in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid - had to be opened in view of the large number of people that used to throng the terminals at the bridges wishing to cross into the occupied West Bank.

Travellers normally make thier visits during the summer holidays and many of them come from the Gulf states where they are em-

Earlier this summer, the Israeli authorities turned away many of the travellers drastically reducing the normal number of people who cross to the West Bank, thus complicating matters for the Jordanian authorities at the bridges and prompting the opening of the three centres to orga-

# **ACC** health ministers to meet in Baghdad

Khayyat urges emulation

of lessons from history

**ACC** agricultural experts

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

☆ A plastic arts exhibition by the Student Affairs Department's Painting Club of the Yarmouk University at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.

\* An exhibition of cartoons by the late Jordanian artist Rabah

A graphic art exhibition by students of Fine Arts Department at

An exhibition of untural rose saplings at the Royal Cultural

THEATRE

An Arabic play entitled "Themanul Thill" at the Roman

Sughayyar at the Plastic Artists Association, Shmeis

time and place with the concerned institutions.

discuss cooperation

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Ministers from the four member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) will hold a meeting in Baghdad Thursday to discuss coordination among the four An official announcement here Wednesday said that the severalday meeting will focus on such areas as environmental health,

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Khayyat Wednesday

called on Jordanians to draw

from the examples set by early

hardships.

Muslims who faced a number of

"We are a nation facing the

Israeli enemy who will do every-.

thing to weaken Jordan," the

minister told a gathering at Al

Husseini Mosque on the occasion of the Islamic New Year.

to strictly adhere to the teachings

of Islam and to refrain from doing

CAIRO (Petra) — Agricultural

experts from Jordan, Egypt, Iraq

and North Yemen, the four mem-

ber countries of the Arab Coop-

cration Council (ACC), are hold-

ing meetings in Cairo to discuss

cooperation among their coun-

tries in the fishing industry.

Dr. Yousef Wali, minister of

the Yarmouk University.

Centre.

Khayyat called on the faithful

examination of non-national workers arriving in the country for work, developing health systems in the four countries and statistical systems in force.

Health Minister Zuhair Malhas will be joined at the meeting in Baghdad with his counterparts in Egypt, North Yemen and Iraq. Malhas is expected to leave for the Iraqi capital Thursday.

anything that would undermine

the effort to recover the occupied

"On the anniversary, we pray that God preserve this country,

its people and stability under the

leadership of His Majesty King

The grand mufti of Jordan.

Izzeddin Al Khatib Al Tamimi

also addressed the gathering re-

viewing the importance of the

anniversary and paying tribute to

the steadfastness of the Palesti-

griculture, met with the team of the experts from the four coun-

tries and reviewed the outcome of

their meetings which started

three days ago. He said that the cooperation in the fields of agri-

culture and fisheries is bound to

help the four countries attain food self-sufficiency.

mans in the occupied territories.

Hussein," the minister said.

#### ing the start of two training courses for police Later, Prince Abdullah watched a training

Prince Abdullah attends badia ceremony

AMMAN (Petra) --- His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Wednesday attended a ceremony at the Badia Police Headquarters mark-

The Badia Police commander delivered a the units. He said 76 officers will take .. part in the ceremony and the exercises.

training courses which will last seven weeks.

The participants will receive theoretical and practical training on all types of light weapons, first aid, combat tactics and communications.

exercise in which troops displayed their different combat skills. Senior Public Security Department

## **Workshop to orient kindergartens** teachers in teaching mathematics

Children, which is sponsored by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), will organise a workshop on Saturday, Aug. 5, 1989, to orient Jordanian teachers on methods for teaching mathematics in the pre-school stage.

Altogether a total of 30 teachers and headmasters representing kindergartens in the Amman region will take part in the workshop. The association, which has a

total of 185 members and has branches in Agaba and Irbid, was established by the centre for early childhood education in 1986. The workshop is designed to

help the kindergarten teachers to improve their skill and perform-ance in imparting basic education to the children at this stage. The centre is being sponsored by the NHF in cooperation with the University of Jordan, which appropriated a site in its campus

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National for its establishment at the cost of Association for the Education of nearly \$1 million, nearly half of which has been raised in various contributions.

NHF has already begun formal implementation of the first phase of the project preparing staff for the centre and organising a series of training courses for teachers at the nursery and kindergarten

In addition, NHF has dispatch-

ed several Jordanians abroad for specialised training and academic degrees in early childhood educa-

National Association for the Education of the Child membership consists of institutions and individuals concerned with early childhood, and will serve as a coordinating and advisory body for the centre's activities.

# **Amman-Damascus rail**

AMMAN (Petra) — Arrangements are under way for reactivating trips between Amman and Damascus by rail through joint cooperation between the Jordaman and Syrian governments, according to an announcement by Minister of Transport Hikmat Al Khammash.

Khammash made the statement during his talks Wednesday with the director general of the

Jordan Hijaz Railway Line with whom he reviewed means of boosting travel by rail between Jordan and Syria.

Trains commuting between the two countries, the minister noted, will be transporting goods, and passengers in implementation of resolutions taken by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee which met recently in Damascus.

### Jordanian youths end 5-day camp

AMMAN (Petra) — A five-day youth camp for Jordanian students living abroad ended at

Ajloun Wednesday.

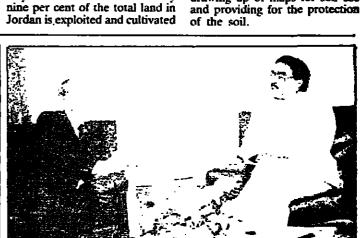
The Ministry of Youth had organised the event to enable the young students to take part in useful activities in Jordan and learn more about their home

Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat addressed the closing meeting underlining the importance of such gathering which included seminars, lectures, panel discussions and field trips to various cultural areas and archaeological sites.

### Post offices to accept university applications

AMMAN (Petra) — Students who wish to apply for seats at any of four Jordanian universities will have to channel their applications through the post offices around the country, according to an announcement here Wednesday.

The announcement, made by the registrars of the four universities at a press conference held in Amman, said that the post offices will start accepting the applications as of Saturday Aug. 6 and until Aug. 15.



#### Samra receives Indian envoy

AMMAN (J.T.) - Indian Ambassador to Jordan K. Gajendra called at the University of Jordan and met with its President Mahmoud Al Samra. They discussed means of developing cultural and scientific coopeation between Jordanian and Indian universi-

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

CONDOLENCES TO AL JAZI FAMILY: His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday delegated his advisor for tribal affairs Sharif Zaban to convey condolences to the Al Jazi family on the death of late Shihab Safouq Al Jazi. (Petra)

TOURIST CAMP IN AMMAN: The Greater Amman Municipality announced Wednesday that it has set up a permanent site for a tourist camp within the Amman National Park. It said that the 15-dunum camp was used for the first time Wednesday by a group of scouts visiting Jordan from a number of Islamic nations. According to the announcement, the municipality has provided all basic facilities and services including a restaurant and a kitchen, a parking area and sanitary utilities and other services. The group of Muslim scouts have spent 10 days in the country. (Petra)

RED CROSS OFFICIALS MEET: A delegation representing the Red Cross in West Germany arrived in Amman Wednesday on a five-day visit to Jordan. During the visit, the delegation will hold talks with Jordan National Red Crescent Society President Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura and other Red Crescent officials on the means to develop bilateral cooperation between Jordan and West Germany.

### Omarieh students visit University of Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of students from the Omerich Schools visited the University of Jerdan Wednesday and toured the campus, visit-.

ing the archaeological museum and other areas. The 30 students who are currently taking sur courses were briefed on the various items and antiquities stored at the museum, and later met 

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## Call a spade a spade in Lebanon

IT WOULD be presumptuous on behalf of any party to even suggest to the Higher Arab Committee on Lebanon how to prepare its projected report on its aborted mission to end the crisis in Lebanon. The fact that the said committee is determined to submit its report on its efforts to resolve the Lebanese situation is a good omen and may yet prove to be the very catalyst for a fresh and effective Arab attempt to end the violence in Lebanon and begin the process of healing in that country. That is why considerable importance is attached to the anticipated report.

Yet, the great hopes that were generated by the news that a report on Lebanon will be forthcoming would be dashed if the contents of any such report were not candid enough. There is an unfortunate tendency in inter-Arab diplomacy to sugar-coat differences and white-wash blame. After 15 years of carnage in Lebanon, it is high time to call a spade a spade and spell out the real reasons that aborted the Arab mission in Lebanon. As long as inter-Arab diplomacy continues to gloss over hard-core issues in Lebanon and avoids addressing differences of position head on, then there is but one fate that awaits Arab efforts in that country, namely, permanent failure. And everybody knows that a permanent Arab failure in Lebanon would necessarily mean the miscarriage of a permanent solution in that country for as long as one can see. For even if the international community, through the U.N. Security Council, decides to take the bull by the horns in Lebanon it would still need full Arab cooperation to succeed.

What makes the preparation of the Higher Arab Committee's report appear formidable is the proposition that in the Lebanese dilemma there is no absolute guilt or innocence among the parties. For it would be fair to conclude that all parties to the Lebanese catastrophe are responsible in varying degrees for the ongoing tragedy. Still such truism could at the end be a blessing in disguise and make it easier for the committee to speak out more openly than ever. For if it edopts the view that all parties in Lebanon are collectively guilty, then it should be possible for it to point out in utmost frankness how and where each and every party is at fault. Once the nature of the wrong-doing of each party is determined and detailed, then it would become feasible to apply the necessary antidotes for it. The upshot then of the Higher Arab Committee's report should be to speak out in no uncertain terms about the responsibility of each and every actor in the Lebanese scene.

#### Jordan Press Editorials

Al Ra'i daily commented Wednesday on King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia and his talks with King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz on issues of mutual concern and Arab affairs. The Arabic daily said that the two monarchs have been spearheading all pan-Arab actions and both have pledged continued support for endeavours to serve the Arab causes. Saudi Arabia has always lent support and backing to Jordan's efforts at all levels and specially in matters where the Arab order is concerned and in the face of the common enemy, the paper noted. Saudi Arabia realises that it is of the utmost importance at the moment to come to the aid of Jordan in its struggle to fend off pressure and deal with conspiracies designed to undermine its national stand, said the daily. Any Saudi Arabian support for Jordan is part of the ongoing endeavours for protecting the Arab order and safeguarding the Arab national interests, the paper added. It said that there is no alternative to a stable and progressing Jordan which can rightly and strongly confront the conspiracies and can and must guard against plots being hatched against the Arab Nation. King Hussein's visit to Saudi Arabia therefore reflects the strong relationship between the two countries and can only contribute to the ongoing efforts to bolster pan-Arab solidarity.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily blames the current escalation of violence in the Middle East in general and Lebanon in particular to Israel's terrorist actions against Arab people and Arab countries. It is clear that Israeli leaders are seeking to keep the whole region in turmoil to divert world public attention from the deteriorating situation in the occupied Arab lands, says Tareq Masarweh, It is also in Israel's interest that the world should deal with developments in Lebanon and forget all about the Palestinians and their struggle for freedom, and about the need to evict Israeli forces from the Arab lands to achieve a permanent peace, the writer notes. He says that Israel's abduction of the Shi'ite Sheikh from Lebanon, prompting Islamic groups to take counter actions including the killing of Colonel William Higgins, is part of the Zionist game which also aims to press these groups to kill more hostages and arouse Western outrage against the Arabs. The Israelis also aim to bring the Americans back to the Arab area with the hope that Israel's interests can be safeguarded and that Arab forces can be destroyed, the writer adds. It is quite natural, he notes, that extremist groups will take to the arena in this game and it is natural to see more innocent lives extermin-

Sawt Al Sheab daily commented on the failure of the Arab League mediation committee to find a formula to end the war in Lebanon. The paper said that the three-member committee has now stopped its efforts and declared its total failure to reach common ground with the warring parties so that peace can be established. The announcement brought further pain not to the Lebanese alone, but also to the Arab World at large since this means that the warring factions in Lebanon will continue the process of self-destruction, the paper added. This sad development coupled with Israel's actions and the United States decisions to take action in Lebanon, can only throw a dark cloud over the future of the whole region and does not augur well for the Arab World, the paper noted. It said that Israel seems so powerful only because the Arabs are weak and not united and their forces are

# Spanish bridge to the Middle East

By John Hooper

SPAIN'S presidency of the European Community drew to a close with the meeting of its leaders in Madrid on 26-27 June. There they agreed a statement on the Middle East which endorsed the. main lines of Spain's attempts during the past six months to pave the way for the peace-making process. The community leaders made an "urgent call" to Israel to end its repressive measures against the Palestinians in the occupied territories and to reopen the schools there. While welcoming Israel's proposals for elections in the territories, they stressed that the inhabitants of East Jerusalem should be permitted to participate, and they backed the PLO's "participation" in direct negotiations, which represented a move by the community from its earlier calls for the PLO to be "associated" with peace moves. The statement will have given satisfaction to the summit meeting's hosts as the Spanish believed that during their presidency theny could make a posi-

of the Middle East imbroglio. Among European nations, Spain has a uniquely intimate if blighted — relationship with both Arabs and Jews. But during the years it remained isolated from the rest of the continent it was impossible for that rela-tionship to be put in use in service ero y el Moro (literally, "to of Western peace-making. Spain's first spell of presidency has not only put the seal on its reincorporation into Europe, but also demonstrated the extent to which Spanish diplomats can offer Europe bridges into the Middle East.

tive contribution to the solution

#### The relationship with Muslims and Jews

The Iberian peninsula was home to one of the earliest and largest Jewish communities in

Europe. It was also the only substantial part of mainland Europe to be conquered by the Arabs, whose Moorish successors went on to rule a progressively smaller part of it for almost eight

centuries. The expulsion of the Jews in 1492 and the subsequent brutal persecution of allegedly false converts by the Inquisition puts Spain in an apparently similar position to Germany; but with the difference that Spain's "holocaust" took place five centuries, rather than five decades ago, so that feelings of guilt on the one side and bitterness on the other have largely evaporated.

Insofar as the Muslims are concerned, perhaps the closest parallel is with Greece and the other Balkan states incorporated into the Ottoman Empire. The paradoxical legacy can be gauged from any Spanish dictionary. Hubo Moros y Cristianos ("there were Moors and Christians) is a way of saying "there was a hell of a fight," while hay Moros en la costa ("there are Moors on the coast") is a way of warning someone to take care - living idiomatic evidence of the centuries of struggle between Christians and Muslims in Spain during the Reconquest, and of the persistence of conflict after Spain's Muslim refugees resurfaced in history as "Barbary Corsairs." the

promise the gold and the Moor"). means to promise the earth - an acknowledgement that, for most of the time they were in Spain, the Muslims were associated by the Christians with unattainable wealth. In Andalusia particularly, there has been a growing tenden-cy in recent years to look back on Muslim rule as a golden age in Spain's history. Such thinking has coincided with the conversion of several thousand Christian-born Spaniards to Islam.

Underlying attitudes to Jews and Muslims alike, there is the knowledge that the blood of both runs deep in this superficially most Christian of nations. St. Teresa of Avila was the granddaughter of a Jewish convert. Intermarriage was common between Christian and Muslim, but then in Muslim Spain the nonindigenous population of Arabs and Berbers overlaid an indigenous one, by no means all of whose members retained their original religion. The identification of "Muslim" with "Moor" in colloquial speech is misleading. Serious historians prefer to speak of "Muslim Spaniards" and that

is increasingly the usage among educated people today.
In modern times, this tangle of antecedents has translated diplomatically into open sympathy for the Arab cause against a background of often courageous support for distressed Jewish communities. After General Franco's offer to recognise Israel was rejected on ideological grounds by an Israeli Labour government in the 1950s, he found it convenient to back anti-Zionism in return for the Arabs' backing over Gibraltar. Yet Franco retained what can only be described as a "soft spot" for the Jews.

#### The post-Franco policy

Until a few months ago, Spain's policy towards the Middle East was in essence an adaptation of Franco's outlook to the exigencies of Common Market membership. Spain, which recognised the PLO in 1977, and raised the status of its Madrid office to something approximating that of an embassy in 1986, did not recognise Israel until January of that year when diplomatic relations became a necessity following Spain's entry into the community.
One of the guiding principles of

the community is that members should strive to alien their foreign policies. In the run-up to recognition, though, a major effort was made to inform the Arab countries of the reasons behind the decision. Even after that, an annex was attached to the treaty of recognition setting out Spain's distinct position.

far from complete. Neither head of state has yet visited the other's country, and Mr. Shamir's visit to Madrid last May was the first by a prime minister of either nation to the other. Mr. Shamir did not even get a joint press conference with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, let alone a private hunch or dinner with him, much less an audience with the king. The contrast with the visit three months earlier by Yasser Arafat, who was treated almost like a head of state, and who saw both the king and Mr. Gonzalez, was striking. Spain's objective, say officials, is to complete an initial round of official and state visits with a visit by King Juan Carlos to Israel in 1992, the 500th anniversary of the expulsions. Gradually improved relations with Israel, it is felt, could advance rather than hinder the other main aim of Spain's Middle Eastern policy, which is to do what it can do to promote a settlement acceptable to both sides. Its diplomats' influence and access were recognised at the end of September 1988, when the counsellor and acting charge d'af-faires, at the Spanish embassy in Tunis, Juan Manuel Lopez Nadal, set up the first meeting between a U.S. diplomat and a PLO

leader - Mr. Khalid Al Fahum,

head of the PLO political depart-

ment's European section.

According to official sources, the

meeting was inspired by a phone

call from the first secretary of the

U.S. embassy to Lopez Nadal

From September onwards, the

asking him to arrange it.

get the EEC to initiate contacts with the PLO leader in the hope of persuading him of the advantages of moderation. Much to the frustration of Spanish officials at the foreign ministry, their proposal was blocked by the U.K., West Germany and the Nether-lands, until the U.S. declared its hand in mid-December. Relations with Israel remain

#### The Spanish contribution

The subsequent turnaround in community policy, coming shortly before the start of Spain's presidency on 5 January, did however allow Madrid to help put new life into the community's Middle East diplomacy. Officials see the Spanish-led efforts over the past six months as having fallen into two phases.

The first began, perhaps surprisingly, with a visit to Israel by Spain's foreign minister, Francisco Fernandez Ordonez. The aim. his officials say, was to ensure that the Israelis did not take against the EEC's initiative from the start. At that time, Spain, together with the other members of the so-called "troika", Greece (the previous president of the community) and France (the next country due to occupy the chair), were planning an extensive tour of the Arab countries most closely involved - Jordan, Egypt and

The first phase ended with Mr. Arafat's historic visit to Madrid on 27 January, where he held talks with the three countries' foreign ministers. Since then, with the exception of Mr. Shamir's visit, and talks between the "troika" foreign ministers and U.S. Secretary of State Baker in Vienna, the contacts have been at a lower level. The most important was a visit by the directors-general of the "troika" foreign ministries to Moscow. The impression given is that the EEC's initiative

Spanish tried without success to nas been running out of Spanish diplomats stress that

the EEC has no peace plan of its

own, nor any desire to impose one. Their aim, therefore, hasbeen to act as go-betweens -identifying areas where the manis: of the major players are suffi-ciently close to raise hopes of a compromise, then persuading them to moderate their positions. enough for them to overlap, or at least touch. They point to a suecession of subtle changes over the past six months which, it is implied, owe something to com-munity diplomacy coordinated by Spain. The U.S. has become less hostile to an international conference, just as the Soviet Union has: become less wary of Israel's peace plan. Previously, neither wanted to know. Now the U.S. says that a conference must be at the right time and properly prepared, while the Soviet Union is prepared, if not to welcome, then at least to consider, the Shamir plan. Both superpowers, moreover have undertaken to urge moderation on those whom they can influence. President Bush's administration has done some straight talking to America's Jewish community. The Soviet Union gave the EEC directors-general a message for them to take to Syria.

Perhaps most important of all. the last six months have seen, considerable progress within the community towards a genuinely united position. It is easy to forget that just over six mouths. ago one of the twelve, Greece, had to be talked out of "going it alone" in recognising the Palestiman state. Spain's contribution to: persuading Greece may have, been regretted in Arab capitals. But, said one Spanish official ofthe EEC's initiative, "you can't. expect other people to define; their positions if your own is; inconsistent" - Middle East International, London.

# Romania: consumer shortages persist

By Alison Smale The Associated Press

CLUI, Romania — On a languid Sunday in this once-glorious city, a foreign car is the centre of attention as it pulls into the long evening shadow of the medieval cathedral.

From a safe distance, mindful of laws that mandate the reporting of any unauthorised conversations with foreigners, everyone stares.

A father leans over to his son. murmuring that, in English, the man behind the steering wheel is a "driver."

A bolder spirit, a well-dressed woman, approachés the strangers, asking in flawless French if they will change money. Crestfallen, she melts back into the shadows upon hearing their refusal.

In a nearby cafe, in a scene

repeated across Romania, a waitress wearily explains to the foreigners that there are no snacks, no coffee, no tea and no mineral

Just "SOC" (chemical-tasting coloured water), she says, as an ageing band grinds out slow, almost blues-style versions of Hungarian ballads and other unsmiling guests engage in barely audible chatter and drink freeflowing "cognac."

Romania 1989: A European country where European visitors are an object of suspicion for

authorities and mute curiosity for friendly but frightened citizens. In Cluj and countless other

towns, stylish but shoddily built apartments sprout in record time, while old villages crumble away, depopulating "naturally" as their lone stores and schoolhouses are closed. Across the fertile land, ration-

ing is in force. Food stores grow barer with each year of what President Nicolae Ceausescu's calls a "golden era." Yet officials, burbling statistics about Romania's advances, assure foreigners the meat they cannot see on shelves is available, just stored in refrigerators.

Last winter, the fifth in a row of government-imposed energy rationing, six Communists who once held very senior posts implored Ceausescu to change

"Romania is and remains a European country," they insisted in a letter that later reached the West. "You started changing the geography of the countryside, but you cannot remove Romania to Africa."

The 71-year-old president, the visibly healthy and unchallenged ruler since 1965, swiftly squashed the protest before it had any chance of spreading to other parmembers.

Mircea Raceanu, the adopted son of one of the six and a senior diplomat who served six years in the United States, was arrested and charged with treason as media articles and rallies rammed home the dangers of contact with

foreigners. No one knows where Raceanu is, and a question about him clearly rattled officials at a news conference in July during the Warsaw Pact summit in Bucharest.

#### Same fate

Authors of other protests share this fate, according to Romanian emigres and Western diplomats. Former Cluj University professor-Doina Cornea has not been seen since June 6, following her third protest letter to Ceausescu.

Writers Andrei Plesu and Mircea Dinescu were under virtual house arrest after penning their own protests. Another writer, Dan Desliu, spent two weeks in a Bucharest mental hospital for his

State policies have cut deep into the peasant traditions and the culture and mutual tolerance nurtured for centuries by 1.7 miltion ethnic Hungarians and 200,000 Germans in the rolling hills of Transylvania.

In German villages, freshly painted lettering over courtyard gates proudly proleains the family of the owner and the date the house was built. In Cluj, Hungarian-language theatre and other culture still thrive, to judge by

advertising posters.

But the city's Hungarian consulate was closed last year in the escalating war of words between Bucharest and Budanest, whose traditional rivalry over Transylvania is exacerbated by sharp ideological divisions over Communism's future. A Cluj schoolteacher now in

Hungary, one of thousands of such refugees from Romania, tearfully recalled how efforts to preserve vestiges of Hungarian tradition in class were slowly appearance of more and more Romanian-speaking pupils.

Transylvania's ethnic Germans, who have tilled the fertile soil for centuries, are emigrating at the rate of 13,000 to 15,000 a year — and would go faster if Romania let them.

Fear of endangering this emigration once muted West German protest at Romania's human-rights record. Now, Bonn is as outspoken as other capitals, and diplomats say emigration has not suffered.

Ceausescu also is isolated from most East Bloc nations.

Ceausescu claims his brand of government offers more social security, modernity and Marxist equality than Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms or Hungary's open dash toward free elections and a free-market

As proof, his supporters list statistical claims - that living standards are 185 times higher than in 1945, 675,000 new apartments are available under this five year plan, industrial investments will increase 90 per cent, and the annual harvest will surge from 30 million to 40 million tonnes a year by 1995.

Romanian officials boast of their unique feat of repaying the nation's entire foreign debt -- \$11 billion from 1980 to last March. But they fail to mention the cost in shortages caused by food exports from this bountiful land, and consumers have noticed no recent improvement in the

Credit for paying off the debt and all other achievements goes to Ceausescu, who is the object of a strong personality cult and has intalled several close relatives including his wife, son and brother — in powerful positions. He, in turn, credits Communism.
"We can and must assert most

powerfully that only socialism could make such grandiose and wonderful achievements of our nation possible," Ceansescu insisted June 27 at a Communist

Party meeting.
He emphasised that private ownership, small farms and the encouragement of profit-seeking entrepreneurs are not Commun-

ism. Neither are "any attempts to denigrate socialiso

Western diplomats in Bucharest say Ceausescu has cited to visitors the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in China or the deaths of protesters in the Soviet city of Tbilisi in April as evidence his policies are correct. His reasoning is that he does not kill, and criticism of Romania's human rights is therefore misplaced, .

Given the grip of the Securi-tate, and the disappearance of the leaders of a spontaneous protest by 10,000 workers in November 1987, few expect popular unrest to erupt.

Romania has weak democratic traditions — a favourite proverb has it that "A stooped back cannot be broken by a sword" - and outside influences that might stir mass protest are few.

Ceausescu, once an inveterate traveller courted in the White House and Buckingham Palace as a Communist maverick, has made no trips abroad this year, and receives no top visitors from the

West these days.
Western diplomats report that even Romanian officials or intellectuals who once were permitted carefully reported contacts with foreigners have all but stopped

attending embassy parties. There are no Western or even Soviet Bloc newspapers on sale to the general public.

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Après une période de calme relatif, quant au sort des OTAGES ETRANGERS AU LIBAN, l'exécution du colonel américain William Richard Higgins lundi a fait renaître une immense tension et une vive inquiétude dans les pays dont des ressortissants sont toujours retenus, et en premier lien aux Etats-Unis. Revendiqué par d'organisation des opprimés dans le monde», l'assassinat du colonel Higgins s'est accompagné d'une nouvelle menace à l'encontre de l'envoyé spécial de l'archevêque de Cantorbery, Terry Waite. Arrive à échéance mardi sans nouveau communiqué des ravisseurs, l'ultimatum a été relayé le jour même par celui de «l'organisation de la justice révolutionnaire», autre mouvement pro-iranien proche du Hezbollah, à l'encontre de l'américain Joseph James Cicippio. Ultimatum qui selon l'OJR prend fin aujourd'hui. Provoquée par l'enlevement du cheikh Abdel Karim Obeid vendredi au Liban-Sud par un commando israélien, la mort de l'un des 18 otages occidentaux supposés se trouver entre les mains des milices pro-iraniennes met Tel-Aviv sous le feu des critiques de l'opinion américaine mais aussi de certains membres du congrès. Bien que seuls trois pays occidentaux (Etats-Unis, Grande-Bretagne et Suisse) aient officiellement condamné dès le week-end le kidnapping de l'influent imam de Jibchit, rares sont ceux qui persistent encore à croire que cette opération a joué le rôle «dissuasif» ni même porté le «coup indéniable» au Hezbollah, que lui attribuait samedi le colonel Raanan Gissin, porte-parole de l'armée israélienne. Il est tout autant difficile d'imaginer que l'Etat hébreu ait pu penser un seul instant que la vie des otages au Liban ne servirait pas de monnaie d'échange. Le premier ministre israélien Yitzhak Shamir l'a bien senti. qui offrait dès lundi d'échanger plus de cent cinquante prisonniers libanais, dont le cheikh Obeid, contre trois soldats de Tsahal et tous les otages occidentaux. Proposition refusée par les ravisseurs, et qui montre, cruement et cruellement, les limites de la force israélienne tout en incitant nombre d'observateurs à estimer que Tel Aviv a commis là une terrible erreur.

Le premier anniversaire de la RUPTURE ENTRE LA CISJORDANIE ET LA JORDANIE a pour sa part été commenté avec satisfaction par le gouvernement jordanien ainsi que par l'OLP. Le ministre des Affaires étrangéres, Marwan al-Kassem a notamment souligné dimanche que les relations jordano-palestiniennes étaient «entrées dans une nouvelle phase marquée par la confiance mutuelle, le respect et l'attachement au bien national des deux parties». De son côté, la centrale palestinienne, par la voix de son responsable des affaires économiques, a estimé que la décision du roi Hussein n'avait pas lourdement affecté la situation dans les territoires, et indiqué que l'OLP avait décidé de «palier le vide» et de prendre en charge «les salaires des 23.000 fonctionnaires» autrefois employés par Amman. Le representant de l'OLP a néanmoins déploré «le manque d'empressement» des pays arabes à «s'acquit-ter de leur devoir» d'assistance financière à l'égard des habitants de Cisjordanie. (D'après agences).

#### EN BREF

Elections. Le ministre de l'Information, Nassouh Al-Majali, a indiqué lundi que les élections législatives se dérouleront «à la mi-novembre». S'exprimant au cours d'un déjeuner de presse, il a précise que «le processus [conduisant au scrutin] était désormais enclenché, après la signature du décret par le roi Hussein». Le souverain hachémite avait amoncé dimanche son avoir ordonné «l'organisation d'élections législatives». Par ailleurs, les ministres de l'Economie, Taher al-Masri, des Travaux publics et de l'Habitat, . Chafic Zawaydeh, et de l'Education, Abdallah Nsour, ainsi que le maire d'Aman, Abdel Raouf Al-Rawabdeh, ont annonce cette semaine leur intention d'être candidats à la députation.

Visite américaine... Le secrétaire d'Etat adjoint américain pour le Proche-Orient et l'Asie du Sud-Ouest, John Kelly, est attendu dimanche prochain à Amman, à l'occasion d'une tournée régionale. la première depuis son entrée en fonction. M. Kelly séjournera quarante buit heures dans la capitale où il sera reçu par le roi

...et royale. Le roi Carl Gustav de Suède et la reine Silvia effectueront un voyage officiel de quatre jours à Amman, à partir du .18 septembre prochain, suivi d'un séjour privé de soixante douze heures à Aqaba. Il s'agit de la première visite des souverains suédois

20%. Les autorités jordaniemes ont décidé mardi d'augmenter de 20% les prix des billets d'avion délivrés par toutes les compagnies opérant dans le royaume. Selon un responsable de la Royal Jordanian, cette mesure, qui entrera en vigueur lundi prochain, «répond à une recommandation du comité des représentants des compagnies aériennes opérant ou représentées en Jordanie, et aux directives de l'Organisation internationale du transport aérien, IATA». Les billets d'avion avaient déjà été majorés de 3% en novembre dernier, après l'adoption d'une série de mesures d'austérité dues à la dépréciation du dinar, qui a perdu plus de 50% de sa valeur depuis avril 1988.

Aide. Le programme des Nations-Unies pour le développement économique (PNUD) et le fonds arabe de développement économique et social ont décidé d'octroyer une aide technique d'un montant de 700.000 dollars à la Jordanie, pour le financement d'un projet d'administration et de planification des sources d'eau dans le royaume. Selon les termes de l'accord, signé lundi à Amman par le ministre du Plan, Ziad Fariz, et le représentant du PNUD en Jordanie, Ali Atika, des spécialistes rattachés au ministère de l'Eau et de l'Irrigation bénéficieront notamment d'un entrainement sous la conduite d'experts des Nations-Unies.

Sommeil party. Une cinquantaine de personnes en chemises de muit et pyjamas ont participé durant la nuit de samedi à dimanche à une «sommeil party» en plein air sur la grand' place de la ville de Berga, en Espagne. Les participants s'étaient munis de tous les ustensiles nécessaires à la «competition»: lits, matelas, oreillers, tables de nuit... L'association «La Bauma dels encantats», à l'origine du concours, a remis un prix an plus fort ronfieur, au sommeil le plus long et à la chambre improvisée la plus spectaculaire.

Greenpeace. Quatre navires de l'organisation écologiste Greenspace ont empêché, vendredi, un essai de lancement du missile stratégique américain Trident 2, en pénétrant dans la zone d'où il devait être tiré, au large du Cap Canaveral, en Floride. Les bateaux de Greenpeace ont harcelé pendant plusieurs heures le sous-marin USS Tennessee, d'où devait être lancé le missile, et leurs passagers ont pu y accrocher deux banderoles réclamant des «mers débarrassées du nucléaire».

Profit record. La compagnie aérienne Kuwait Airways a réalisé un profit record de plus de 52 millions de dollars entre juin 1988 et juin 1989, a annoncé ce week-end son P-dg. Selon Ahmed al-Machari, il s'agit du plus important bénéfice jamais réalisé par l'entreprise nationale depuis sa création en 1960.

Léonard-Duran III. Le boxeur américain Ray Sugar Léonard et le Panaméen Roberto Duran s'affronteront en plein air et pour la troisieme fois le 7 decembre à l'Hôtel-Casino «Mirage» de Las Vegas pour le titre mondial des super-moyens (WBC). L'organisateur du combat, Bob Arum, n'a pas précisé si le short à strass serait exigé à l'entrée.

Blé. L'Australie va fournir 800.000 tonnes de blé au Yémen du Sud an cours des cinq années à venir, a indique lundi le président du bureau anstralien du blé (BAB), Clinton Condon. Condition posée par le BAB: l'autorisation de construire une usine de transformation du blé dans le port d'Aden, pour un investissement du gouvernement ou oie dans se port d'Adon, pour la sud-yéménite estimé à 15 millions de dollars.

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Roulez jeunesse et troisième âge! Depuis la création en 1975 du premier parc d'attractions à Āmman, l'engouement des Jordaniens pour les émotions fortes et le pop corn ne s'est jamais démenti. L'ouverture l'an dernier d'un grand centre de loisirs au nord de la capitale en témoigne, même si, de l'aveu des professionnels, la crise économique assombrit l'avenir.

"En voiture... Attention au départ! On rit, on s'amuse". Non, l'ambiance des parcs d'attractions jordaniens ne résonne pas comme celle des foires et antres fêtes foraines européennes. Pas de femme à la voix ranque, hélant le badand, pas de promesse, quelques mètres plus loin, de "sensations inoubliables"... et pourtant une authentique atmosphère de fête.

Et ce quotidiennement. Qu'il s'agisse du parc Al-Ahli, en vieille ville, ou de la grande et récente "cité" Al-Joubaina d'Abon Nseir au nord d'Amman. Au rythme de 1.000 à 2.000 visiteurs par jour pour le premier, et d'environ 3.000 pour la deuxième, les deux principales fêtes foraines permanentes du royanme témoignent de l'engouement des Jordaniens pour la griserie des "balançoires des temps modernes".

Un engonement qui draine plus de six mois sur douze, vers les rumeurs et les cris, familles et groupes de jeunes, amateurs de vertiges, de Pepsi et de pop corn, à défaut de barbe à papa et autres

pommes d'amour. "L'envie de s'amuser est universelle", commente Issa Abou Walid, directeur d'Al-Ahli. Et tenace. "Nous avons ouvert le parc en 1975, pour contribuer au financement des équipes de football, de basket... du club Al-Ahli, se souvient-il A l'époque, nous n'avions que deux manèges".

L'assiduité du public a fait le reste. Aujourd'hui, dix attractions, depuis l'éternelle grande roue jusqu'au "bateau pirate", en passant par le train fantôme, constituent le fond d'émotions fortes de la première fête foraine du royaume, et se bousculent sur 9 dunums (9.000 mètres carrés), entre la route et Diebel Amman.

## 900.000

On est bien loin des six hectares et demi dont dispose Al-Joubaiha. Inaugurée en juin 1988, la dernière née des fêtes foraines est aussi la plus grande, "et d'ores et déjà le site le plus visité de Jordanie", clame son



Le parc Al-Ahli en vieille vilie... et en perte de vitesse (à gauche); la folie des

directeur général, John Allan. Fort de 18 attractions, dont une tour de 68 mètres, véritable ascenseur dont la cabine se déplace en spirale et offre un superbe panorama du nord de la capitale, Al-Joubaiha se présente ouvertement comme une entreprise commerciale.

Si le terrain appartient à la municipaité du Grand Amman, le parc de loisirs d' Abou Nseir reste sous contrat avec la compagnie anglaise Chipperfield, conceptrice et constructrice du site. "L'amémagement a coûté huit millions et demi de dollars, précise John Alian, avancés par un consortium de banques arabes et garantis par la municipalité". Une somme rondelette que compense progressivement le succès de l'opération et l'installation de boutiques, louées par l'entrep-

"Depuis l'ouverture, nous avons enregistré 900.000 entrées, poursuit-il, dont 80.000 pendant le Grand Id. Cette année, nous pensons dépasser les 750.000 visiteurs. C'est plutôt flatteur, quand on songe que le plus grand pare d'attractions britannique, Alton Towers, affiche deux millions de touristes par an". La référence n'est pas innocente: John Allan y a travaillé pendant uinze mois avant de prendre les rênes du parc d'Abou Nseir

L'implantation d'Al-Joubaiha en rase campagne se révele par ailleurs être un atout, selon son directeur. "Ca représente une vraie sortie pour les gens. Le parc est également bien desservi par les lignes de bus et depuis quelques mois, les taxis stationnent à l'entrée. De plus, nous somme en altitude et il fait bien meilleur ici qu'en basse ville".

Autrement dit: bien meilleur qu'à Al-Ahli. "Nous ne considérons pas le parc d'Abou Nseir comme un concurrent", souligne pour sa part Issa Abou Walid, tout en reconnaissant que depuis trois ans, la fréquentation de ses manèges a chuté de 20% à 25%.

Explication, selon lui: la crise économique, déjà latente depuis de nombreux mois, et le retour de plus en plus tardif des expatriés, grands consommateurs de Lunaparks. "Autrefois, rappelle-t-il, ils venaient en vacances dès le mois de Ramadan et nous avions 5.000 visiteurs en moyenne par

#### Déception

Quid du renouvellement des attractions? Nous en changeons une tous les ans, déclare le directeur d'Al-Ahli. Nous avons également un atelier dans la banlieue sud d'Amman qui construit des manèges, comme la grande balançoire ou la grande roue, et qui s'occupe de toute la décoration du parc.

Limité par ses maigres moyens financiers et le versement annuel de 1,000 dinars à l'association sportive, le directeur du parc d'Amman s'est lancé depuis peu dans une loterie pour maintenir

miquement viable. "C'est ce qui explique l'exposition de voitures à l'entrée, ajoute-t-il. Il y en a

une à gagner tour les deux mois". Malgré des statiques plus qu'encourageantes, John Allan se montre lui aussi préoccupé par l'achat de nouveaux manèges, rendu difficile par la chute du dinar et les restrictions imposées sur les importations, "Or, toutes les attractions offertes en Jordanie viennent d'Italie, qui propose les prix les plus compétitus".

Les deux directeurs se disent en outre déçus par l'attitude des autorités à l'égard de leur activité. "Nous avons fait des propositions aux ministères du Tourisme ou de l'Education qui sont restées lettres mortes", se plaint notamment Issa Abou Walid. Meme son de cloche du côté d'Al-Joubaiha. "Nous avons travaille avec les écoles l'année dernière. Ça n'a dure que quelques mois, puis le ministère à décroché". remarque John Allan, dont l'un des projets est de construire un telepherique entre la route de Zarqa et le parc de loisirs. "J'attends toujours une reponse". lache-t-il, desabusé.

Les projets de construction de nouveaux pares d'attraction à Irbid, en collaboration avec desentrepreneurs ouest-allemands. ou encore à Mafraq avec des industriels français, laissent pourtant croire que le gouvernement iordanien porte une reelle attention à l'enieu économique des centres de loisirs. "Je ne pense pas qu'il y ait place pour un nouveau grand parc dans le royaume", estime John Allan. Le directeur d'Al-Ahli se "rassure" quant à lui en se demandant où l'Etat pourra trouver les deux millions de dinars necessaires à

Alain Renon.

Droits de l'Homme dans le monde arabe

### Une progression à petits pas

La cause des droits de l'Homme semble marquer des points dans le monde arabe depuis le début de l'année. En février, le Conseil économique et social de l'ONU a nent accordé le statut de "membre consultatif" à l'Organisation arabe des droits de l'Homme (OADH), En 1987, me demande similaire de l'OADH avait été reponssée à New York, en raison du refas des délégations des pays arabes.

En juin dernier, un colloque consacré à "la protection, l'application et l'éducation des droits de l'Homme dans le monde arabe" s'est tenu à Syracuse en Italie. Organisée par l'Institut supérieur international des sciences criminelles et précédée par trois autres conférences en deux ans, cette réunion a, en quelque sorte, jeté les bases d'une stratégie arabe pour le respect de ces droits dans la région. En deux semaines, une quaran-

juges, professeurs de droits, aca-démiciens) des différents pays arabes ont débattu des moyens et des mesures à adopter afin de diffuser l'enseignement des droits de l'Homme dans les écoles arabes. Certains thèmes, plus délicats, ont parfois suscité de chandes discussions. Notamment quant fut abordé le cas des minorités dans les pays arabes (16 millions de personnes), la religion musulmane, l'arabisme, ou encore les lois martiales, en tant qu'obstacle majeur à l'exercise du droit dans certains pays.

Deux documents ont été pubhés à l'issue du colloque. Le premier, "Projet de convention arabe pour la prévention de la torture, des traitements inhumains et dégradants", préconise en particulier la création d'un "comité arabe de prévention de la torture", Hélas souvent pratiquée contre les opposants politiques. Les Etats seront invités à signer cette convention.

taine de spécialistes (juristes, Ali Rafsandjani président

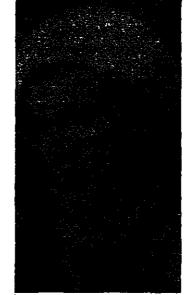
### Un pouvoir renforcé

L'hodjatoleslam Alí Akbar Hachemi Rafsandjani, président du parlement îranien depuis neuf ans, a été proclamé président de la République dimanche, suite à l'élection de vendredi. Il remplace Ali Khamenei, promu imam. En lant aux ornes, les lraniens se sont aussi prononcés en faveur des nents de la Constitution qui renforcent le pouvoir exécutif, comme le souhaitait Ali Rafsand-

Qualifiés de «succès sans précédent» par le ministre de l'Intèrieur iranien, les 94,51% de suffrages exprimés vendredi dernier en faveur d'Ali Rafsandiani. constituent en fait un score relativement habituel en Iran. Ali Khamenei avait obtenu à l'élection du 20 octobre 1981, 96,02% des voix: 16.847.717 électeurs avaient voté pour lui, alors qu'Ali Rafsandjani obtient 15.537.394 suffrages. Ali Khamenei n'avait, en revanche, été réélu, quatre ans plus tard, qu'avec 14.200.000 voix et 85,7% des suffrages.

L'écrasante majorité des voix, obtenue par le nouveau président face à Abbas Cheibani, (3,91%), député de Téhéran, est donc moins à retenir que le tanz d'abstentions. Un taux de 31,5% qui, tout en marquant un léger redressement par rapport aux 32,34% de la consultation présidentielle de 1985, n'en reste pas moins élevé et très supérieur aux 27% de l'élection présidentielle de 1981. Dans un pays qui com-pte 14 millions d'analphabètes sur 52 millions d'habitants, l'abstention a toujours été, depuis le début de la Révolution de 1979, une préoccupation des autorités religiouses qui lancent, avant chaque élection, de nombreux appels à la «participation massive» de l'électorat. Un électorat que le ministre de l'Intèrieur, «en l'absence de toute liste électorale», a

estimé à 24 millions. La consultation présidentielle



était couplée à un référendum sur des amendements à la Constitution. Les électeurs se sont pratiquement tous prononcés (97,51%) en faveur des amendements apportés à 48 articles de la Constitution et instituant un pouvoir exécutif fort. Ali Rafsandjani gouvernera donc comme il le souhaitait: sans aucun autre pouvoir ou «centre de décision». dont il a si souvent dénoncé la responsabilité dans la paralysie des rousges de l'éxécutif. Il définira seni la politique, avec l'aval du guide qui, «très au fait des affaires», lui sera, a-t-il dit, «d'un grand secours».

Ali Rafsandjani accèdera à la présidence dès que l'actuel président de la République, Ali Khamenei, nommé entre-temps guide pour succéder à l'imam Khomeiny, présentera sa démission. Cette démission fixée à l'origine an 9 octobre, devrait probablement intervenir avant cette date, l'élection prévue pour le 18 août ayant été avancée au 28 juillet. (D'après agences).

La deuxième contribution du colloque a pris la forme d'un "protocole de coopération" entre la faculté de droit de "Mansourah" en Egypte et l'Institut de sciences criminelles de Syracuse. Son objectif: encourager la recherche, et par voie de con-séquence les étudiants, dans le domaine du droit appliqué aux pays arabes. L'Institut de Syracuse offre par ailleurs chaque année des bourses aux étudiants arabes en droit. C'est la première fois qu'un tel accord est conclu entre une université arabe et une institution étrangère.

Autre signe encourageant: la création, en mars à Tunis, d'un "Institut arabe des droits de l'Homme". Hassib Ben Ammar en a été élu président, et sera chargé de faire procéder à l'étude systématique des lois dans les pays arabes et à la verification systématique de leur concordance avec les conventions internationales. Ce nouvel organisme orga-

nisera également des stages de

formation, publiera des études sur la situation des droits de l'Homme dans chaque pays. Il soutiendra tous les efforts entrepris pour faire respecter ces droits, notamment par les organisations déjà créées au Maroc, au Sondan, En Egypte, en Jordanie, en Tunisie, au Liban ainsi qu'en Algérie. Il est encore difficile de parler de progrès des droits de l'Homme dans la plupart des pays arabes. Les rapports internationaux mentionnent toujours de nombreux cas de détention préventive, de prisonniers de conscience, de torture et d'exécutions sommaires d'opposants. Sur 22 conventions internationales, la plupart des Etats arabes n'en ont guère signées qu'une douzaine. Le Manque de libertés démocratiques

droits de l'Homme dans ces pays. Seleiman Sweiss.

Cinéma

#### La mostra de Venise

La 46ème Mostra de Venise ouvre ses portes du 4 au 15 septembre, le programme officiel met en compétition les nouveaux films de Resnais, Scola et Mrinal Sen, tandis qu'en section parallèle Batman et Indiana Jones se partagent la vedette.

n'est peut-être pas étranger à la

floraison de mouvements des

Parmi les 60 films présentés cette année à la Mostra de Venise, 23 sont en compétition. Trois favoris se dégagent du lot: Alain Resnais avec «I want to go home,» un film tourné en anglais par le réalisateur français et interprété par Gérard Depardieu: l'Italien Ettore Scola avec «Che ora e» et enfin l'Indien Mrinal Sen avec «Ek din achanak».

On verra aussi «Christian» de Gabriel Axel, le réalisateur danois du «Festin de Babette»; «Et la lumière fut» du cinéaste georgien Iotar Ioseliani; «La femme de Rose hill» du Suisse Alain Tanner; ou encore «Una notte di

A côté de la sélection officielle, la Mostra présentera dans sa selection «Venezia notte» onze films dont plusieurs films americains d'ores et déjà très attendus en Europe, comme «Batman» de Tim Burton et «Indiana Jones and the last crusade» de Steven Spielberg. Les Européens attendent aussi «La vie et rien d'autre» de Bertrand Tavernier; «The cook, the thief, his wife and her lover» de Peter Greenaway et l'oeuvre épique de Peter Fleischmann: «Es ist nicht leicht ein gott zu sein».

TV

#### «Les affaires de l'heure»

Le roi Hussein a inauguré dimanche soir le nouveau magazine d'actualité de la télévision nationale, baptisée «Les Affaires de l'heure». Interrogé par les rédacteurs en chef des trois journaux arabes, le souverain s'est prêté au jeu des questions-réponses, orchestré par le directeur de la télévision, Mohammed Amin.

«Le principe de l'émission est simple; un thème, un invité, précise Mohammed Amin. Face à lui, trois journalistes ou experts, qui connaissent le dossier et qui ont cinquante minutes pour s'entretenir avec la personnalité de la semaine».

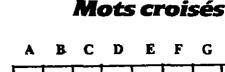
L'emission sera en effet hebdomadaire (vendredi soir) à partir du 11 août, indique le directeur de la télé, ajoutant que «certains débats se dérouleront en présence d'un public, sur le plateau». Comme dimanche dernier. «Les Affaires de l'heure» seront systématiquement enregistrées «deux à trois heures avant la

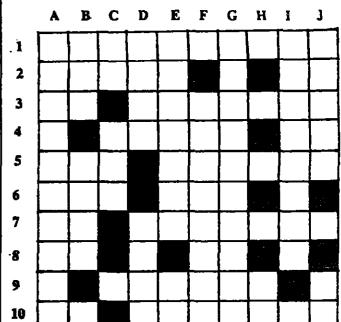
diffusion». La formule, à défaut d'être innovatrice (une émission du même type avait été lancée en 1985 puis abandonnée quelques mois plus tard), a eu le mérite de la surprise. Une surprise qu'ont partagée certains techniciens et journalistes de l'étrange lucarne jordanienne. «Nous ne savions même pas qu'un tel programme était en gestation», souligne l'un d'eux. Voilà donc «Les Affaires de l'heure» inscrites dans les progammes. Reste à spéculer sur le nom du prochain invité, que Mohammed Amin garde

From here to Eternity, de Fred

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En événements spéciaux. seront présentés le «Mahabharata» de Peter Brook, version filmée de la pièce de théâtre, «Il decalogo» du polonais Krzysztof Kieslowski, «Rouge vénitien» du français Etienne Périer, ainsi que «Ja sluzil v ochrane Stalina» du chiaro di luna» de l'Italienne Lina Soviétique Semjon Aronovic.





Horizontalement. 1: effraver. 2: homme de main: adjectif possessif. 3: pronous personnel; séduire. 4: couleurs; règle. 5: choisi; sur les tombes, 6: adjectif possessif; manche au tennis. 7: dans latin; pas attachées. 8: coordonne; article. 9: serpent. 10: adjectif possessif; nouces.

Verticalement. A: discussions. B: pas beaucoup: pas rapide. C: valeur refuge; transport en commun. D: propre au raisin; est obligé. E: rapidite; lettre grecque. F: responsables. G: Arbres de l'écureuil. H: féminin. i: enlevez la tête. J: pas fréquents; font le squelette.

(Solution en bas de page)

### A L'AFFICHE

Zinnerman, avec Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr. Frank Sinatra et Montgomery Clift. Les difficiles amours d'un soldat et de l'épouse d'un officer, les malheurs d'un compagnon d'armes persécuté par ses pairs... que l'attaque de Pearl Harbor pousse au Centre américain, dimanche 6 soût (en

Djeli, conte d'aujourd'hui, de Fadika Kramo Lancinej avec Fatour Ouatara et Joachim Ouatara Yao (1981). Une histoire d'amour entre deux jeunes étudiants d'Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), contrariée par les

Centre culturel français, inneli 7 août à 28660 (en français, sons-tieré en arabe). Ciné-club. Thème de la semaine: les rapports du cinéma avec les autres arts. Séances respectivement à13h00. 15h00, 17h00, 19h00 et 21h00.

Jendi 3: Portrait of Genny; Amadeus; Blade runner; Beina Qasran (égyptien); Gun with the wind. Vendredi 4: Age of innocence; La Traviata; La Chute de l'empire romain; Qasr Ashoq (égyptien); Abi bati yahab atut (syrien). Samedi 5: Le Greco; Othello; Hétène de Trote; La Maitresse du heutenant français; The world according to Garp.

Dimanche & Sand beebles; Roméo et
Juliette; Le Voleur de Bagdad; Le Facteur

Junette; Le Voieur de Bagdad; Le Pacieur sonne toujours deux fois; L'Exorciste.

Landt 7: The world of Suzy Wang; Carmen (de Rosi); The shape of thing to come; They kill horses, don't they.

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En sontien au ciné-club d'Amman, soirée arabo-occidentale à l'hôtel Alia, avec le chanteur libanais Tony Hana et le poète syrien Ryad Hôtel Alin, vendredi 4 noût à partir de 21h00. Reuseignements au 603901.

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JIV, vendredi 4 août à 17h20.

## Solution des mots croisés

#### Horizontalement.

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Verticalement.

A: entretiens. B: peu; lent. C: or; bus. D: uval; doit. E: vitesse; pi. F: tutelles. G: noisetiers. H: ée. I: étêterez. j: rares; os.

E JOUGO SO

# Iran no longer able to delay tackling economic problems

DUBAI (R) — Iran's new leader have a long haul ahead in tackling the country's complex economic problems which can no longer be put aside, Iranian and Western

economists say. They say the problems of the distressed economy are now the leadership's top concern, with the Gulf war over a year ago, mourning ended for late supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and presidential elections out of the way last weekend.

President-elect Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, one of the few leading clerics with a grasp of the economy, has said economic revival is a priority.

"It would be wrong if some people were hoping that every problem would be solved quickly once the new government takes charge," said Iran's Jomhuri Islami newspaper at the weekend. Rafsanjani, who is expected to

assume the presidency this month, thinks the energy sector must be revived and a huge gap between official and blackmarket rial exchange rates parrowed.

Western economists agree, but add that a major problem is the oft-forgoten farm sector. Iranian economists predict strong political and bureaucratic resistance to rapid reform.

Economic problems had taken a back seat through eight years of theocracy fresh from the semi-

They had to learn economic management from scratch, handfree market as ideologically un-

"Khomeini refused to address any of the major economic problems. Rafsanjani cannot suddenly reverse his wishes," said a Gulfbased Iranian economist.

The Islamic Revolution's attitudes to foreign borrowing, private sector participation, the role of investment and land reform all remain to be clearly defined because they do not fit neatly into an Islamic framework.

Even Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, a strong supporter of the Islamic system, has said Iran's basic economic laws are not clear enough to encourage efficient development.

Based on official figures, Western economists estimate Iran's terms of trade fell 63 per cent in 1986, rose eight per cent in 1987, and fell again 16 per cent in 1988.

But the blackmarket exchange rate is now around 14 times the official 72 rials to the dollar. About 90 per cent of the economy is state controlled with around 80 per cent of that in the rial sector. Iranian officials put inflation at

25 to 30 per cent but because of war with Iraq, and 10 years of the exchange rate distortions, the

revolution led by an Islamic true rate is almost impossible to

estimate. Estimates of how much hard currency Iran needs to reconstruct start at around \$15 billion a icapped by their rejection of the year, equal or less than oil earnings of \$12-15 billion a year.

Oil accounts for over 90 per cent of current hard currency earnings and there is little hope of much from elsewhere. Iran has announced a draft

plan to boost heavy industrial exports to almost \$400 million from a mere \$4 million in 1988. But chronic energy shortages persist and official figures show 120 state-run factories, or 80 per cent of heavy industry, worked at 30 per cent capacity and lost hundreds of billions of rials last

Oil industry sources estimate current Iranian production capacity at about three million barrels per day (BPD).

Iranian oil officials have said this could rise to 3.5 million BPD in six months but independent analysts believe this may be overoptimistic and geared more towards strengthening Iran's hand in negotiations for a higher OPEC quota in the next round of oil-producer talks. Iran's present OPEC quota is

2.64 million BPD. Asian construction managers in Tehran said much oil capacity along the old frontline with Iraq

To ease the energy problem, Western economists said Rafsanjani had correctly targetted development of cheaper natural gas. Iran is estimated to have about 17 per cent of world reserves, second only to the Soviet

Full exploitation of these resources, however, will require cooperation with Japan, South Korea, or Western nations.

This would at least require a political rapprochement with the European Community as relations with the United States remain largely hostile, the econom-

"We cannot produce enough razor blades, so whole plants are not in the question," said an Iranian political analyst.

Iran must also feed itself if it is not to fritter away hard currency earnings on rising food imports. Iranian officials say the country produces 6.5 million tonnes of wheat a year, loses 800,000 due to inefficiency, and needs to import 2.5 million.

Major problems include land ownership, what the state should do with large areas of land it confiscated after the revolution. halting the drift, to urban areas, and improving crop yields which are half the world average for

# Western states discuss aid to Poland, Hungary

BRUSSELS (Agencies) --- Officials from 24 industrialised countries met Tuesday to discuss Western aid to bolster political and economic reforms in Poland and Hungary.

A spokesman for the European Commission, which is coordinating the effort, said the meeting would be mainly devoted to collating information about existing aid programmes.

It will also prepare a ministerial meeting, probably in September, at which specific measures could

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The meeting coincided with the lifting of price controls on food in Poland, a move regarded in the West as a vital step towards a more market-oriented economy and the only way to end chronic

The 12-nation European Community has already agreed to give \$120 million worth of food to Poland. Most of it will be sold, with the proceeds going to a special fund to finance projects to improve food supplies and dis-

that to include contributions from other Western countries, as agreed at the summit of the seven leading industrialised democra-

cies in Paris last month.

The meeting is also due to discuss other forms of economic and trade cooperation with Hungary and Poland, although it will not tackle the crucial problem of their foreign debts.

Apart from the 12 EC states, the other countries represented at Tuesday's meeting were the six members of the European Free Trade Association, the United But it is now looking to expand States, Canada, Japan, Australia,

New Zealand and Turkey.

Meanwhile in Chicago, President George Bush, in a speech overshadowed by reports of the execution of a hostage in Lebanon, Monday asked state governors to improve the U.S. educational system and establish trade ties with Poland and Hun-

Bush made his remarks in a speech at the National Governors' Association summer meeting here.

Bush asked the governors to "include Poland and Hungary on your list" when they look for trade opportunities abroad.

## China to crack down on tax evasion by private businessmen

PEKING (AP) — The government has announced it will inspect the nation's 14.5 million private businesses in a bid to recover almost \$5 billion in revenues lost through tax evasion.

The State Taxation Bureau will tions of private industrial, commercial and service enterprises in August and September for signs

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of tax evasion or other illegal activities. Chinese newspapers reported Wednesday.

About 70-80 per cent of all private businesses evaded a total of more than 18.4 billion yuan (\$4.94 billion) last year, far ex-(\$2.53 billion) in tax revenues collected, the bureau said. "What is more serious is that a

few lawbreakers attack tax collectors and prevent them from carrying out their duties," the Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, said.

The inspections are intended to establish a "clear-cut order for their obligations to the state," said Tax Bureau Director Jin

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C. Last date of purchasing copies of tender documents is

D. Award for any contractor will be based on the allowable ceiling of commitment and Number of projects as indicated in the government works

byelaws and classification regulations. E. Last date for submitting financial offers is 13.9.89 at 13.30 at the Ministry of Public Works.

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#### **ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Britain pledges \$1.6m for Sudan

LONDON (AP) - Britain will provide an additional £1 million (\$1.65 million) for assistance to war victims in southern Sudan, the foreign office has said. Britain has now contributed a total of £7.2 million (\$11.9 million) to the United Nations' "Operation Lifeline"

#### Turkey imports Bulgarian iron

ANKARA (R) — Turkey, at odds with Bulgaria over a flood of ethnic Turkish refugees crossing its border, is importing Bulgarian iron to offset an iron and steel strike, a Turkish Labour official has said. Ali Tekin, a spokesman for the Celik-Is steel workers union. told Reuters it was wrong for the government to campaign against Bulgaria while paying millions of dollars to Sofia for the iron. About 24,000 workers at mills in Karabuk near the Black Sea and Iskenderun in the south have been on strike since May 4 to demand pay rises. The mills produce most of Turkey's annual output of nine million tonnes of iron and steel. Tariffs on iron imports were lifted after the strike began. "The government won't reveal figures but we believe by the end of May alone Turkey paid some \$396 million for imported iron, most of it inferior-quality Bulgarian products received through Romania," Tekin said.

#### Argentina lifts restrictions on U.K. imports

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina, which broke diplomatic links with Britain during the 1982 Falkland Islands war, has lifted all restrictions on British imports, Argentine Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo said Tuesday. 'The Argentine government has decided to lift the trade restrictions on imports from the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland and its dependencies," Cavallo told a news conference. Since taking power on July 8 the Peronist government has made several conciliatory gestures towards London, aiming at improving Anglo-Argentine relations. Argentina claims sovereignty over the South Atlantic archipelago which Argentine troops overran in April 1982. A British task force recovered the colony, a largely barren group of islands inhabited by about 2,000 people principally engaged in sheep-farming, after a 10-week war. British Foreign Office officials have said recently that Argentina should take practical steps such as restoring trade and other links before starting talks. Cavallo said Argentina would treat commerce with Britain the same as trade with any other nation. "Likewise, we have ceased all restrictions on the financing of Argentine exports to the United Kingdom and its dependencies," he added.

#### Bermuda court fines Iranian oil firm

HAMILTON, Bermuda (R) — The Bermuda supreme court has fined Iran's national oil company \$25,000 for making a death threat against a witness called to testify in its lawsuit against two Ashland Oil Co. subsidiaries. Lawyers for Ashland Overseas Traing Ltd had charged that its key witness, Iranian lawyer Fayed Amin, had been warned by Fayed Hosseini, director of international affairs for the National Iranian Oil Co, that Muslim Iranians who helped foreign companies such as Ashland would be killed. In the suit, the Iranian company had charged that Ashland Oil of Mississipoi had failed to pay for \$282 million worth of Iranian oil delivered to it. Bermudabased Ashland Overseas was also named as a defendant. Amin, who is a Muslim, testified despite the death threat. Judge David Hull ordered the National Iranian Oil Co. to pay \$25,000 plus court costs and scolded the Iranian official accused of making the threat.

#### Kodak earnings down 85 per cent

ROCHESTER, N.Y (R) — Eastman Kodak Co, the world's largest producer of photographic products, has said that second-quarter earnings fell 85 per cent, weighed down by the cost of a restructuring programme. However, sales for the quarter ended June 11 rose nine per cent to a record \$4.5 billion. The decline in second-quarter earnings to \$60 million from a record \$390 million in last year's second quarter was also due to high interest costs associated with its \$5.1 billion takeover of Sterling Drug Inc. last year. Kodak, which derives about 45 per cent of its sales overseas, said profits also were hurt by the dollar's strength over last year.

### Filipino government workers strike

MANILA (AP) — Thousands of government employees have launched a nationwide strike to demand higher wages that President Corazon Aquino said the country cannot afford. About 12,000 striking workers rallied in front of the senate building to press their demand, police said. They joined public school teachers who walked off the job eight days ago over salary demands. Officials said the extent of the walkout was unclear. About 25 per cent of the 1,350 employees at Ninoy Aquino International Airport joined the walkout but operations there were unaffected, said Airport Manager Eduardo

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### Jordan exports 241,000 tonnes of fruits, vegetables

a revenue of ID 42 million, moment going through difficul-according to Minister of Agriculties, the minister pointed out. ture Aduan Badran.

new policies aimed at increasing agricultural exports to bring in more badly needed foreign exminister said during a visit to the Mafrag Governorate. Badran met with farmers, local

officials and agricultural ensincers during the tour which included a number of farmlands and government offices.

MAFRAQ (I.T.) - Jordan ex- policies to enable the agricultural ported 241,000 tonnes of fruits sector to contribute more effecand vegetables to other countries lively towards enhancing the in the first half of 1989 bringing in national economy which is at the

The Mafrag region has proved to be specially interested in toma-The ministry is embarking on to production and the Ministry of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company, will change, and special attention is adopt specific measure to boost being given to agricultural pro-duction and is considering set-duction in the Mafraq area, the ting up a tomato paste factory in tine up a tomato paste factory in the governorate, the minister

pointed out.
After discussions with the local farmers at a meeting, the minister opened an agricultural exhibition which displayed a variety of agricultural cross from different The ministry will adopt certain areas around Mafraq.

### Egypt commissions study for Suez Canal expansion

AMSTERDAM (R) — The costing 1.6 million guilders. Egyptian government has com-missioned a Dutch-Egyptian engineering consultancy consortium to conduct a study into the feasibility of expanding the Suez Can-al, a spokesman for the consortium said Tuesday.

"On July 26, the Nedeco Consortium received a commission from the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) to carry out a feasibility study into an expansion of the canal", said Financial Manager Peter Steenbergen of Dutch En- dam-based Maritime Economic gineering Consultancy Bureau Research Centre.

would fund the 18-month study, sultancy Agencies.

Steenbergen said the plan aimed to enable ships of up to 270,000 deadweight tonnes (DWI) pass through the canal compared with the current maximmm of 150,000 DWT, and to deepen the waterway to 67 feet from 56 feet.

In addition to NEI, the consortium includes two Dutch Engineering Consultancy Agencies. a University of Delft Hydrodynamics Laboratory, and the Rotter-

Other partners are Egyptian Confirming Dutch press re- engineering agency Dar Al Hand-ports, he said the Arab fund asah and the Pacer and Tel Con-

### Egypt cuts oil export prices by \$1.25 a barrel

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt has re-duced its oil export prices by new prices. The official refused to Wednesday.

The official, who spoke anonymonsly under ministry rules, said the new prices took effect on Aug. 1 and will remain in force until a new review is made by the pricing committee.

This departed from the practice Ghareb.

\$1.25 a barrel for all grades, the explain, but the move appeared third cut in almost five weeks, an intended to give the Oil Ministry Oil Ministry official said greater flexibility in its periodic price reviews -

The officials said the new prices were \$14.50 a barrel for the top-grade Gulf of Suez blend; \$13.65 a barrel for Belayim; \$12.50 a barrel for Ras Badran and \$12.20 a barrel for Ras

#### **AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES**

Wednesday, August 2, 1989 Central Bank official rates

One Sterling

One ounce of gold

 Bay
 Sell
 Japanese yen (for 100)
 421.3
 425.5

 573.4
 579.4
 Dutch guider
 274.5
 277.2

 952.4
 961.9
 Swedish crown
 90.4
 91.3

 309.7
 312.8
 Italian lira (for 100)
 43.1
 43.5

 360.9
 364.5
 Belgian franc (for 10)
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#### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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1.1738/48 1.8495/502 One U.S. dollar 2.0868/75 1.5925/35 38.71/75 6.2*675/725* 1331/1332 136.50/60 6.3425/75

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Dutch guilders

Swiss francs

#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

By Reuters

SYDNEY - Market rumours, take-over bids and a rally in the bond market boosted the all ordinaries index 10.7 points to 1,549.3, nearing a post-crash high set in August 1988. TOKYO - The Nikkei Index crossed the 35,000 mark to a new traded high but slipped back on profit-taking to close at 34,899.34, a gain of just 0.88.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng Index closed 3.87 higher at 2,582.83 after profit-taking pared a 21-point rise. "Some investors were cautious but the upward trend seems confirmed," a local

SINGAPORE — Late bargain-hunting helped shares recover from early falls. The Straits Times Industrials fell 4.81 points to 1;362.27. BOMBAY — The market was undermined by rumours that Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi might call early elections, and prices

fell on speculative selling. FRANKFURT — Profit-taking set in after the market reached new 1989 highs and dealers said investors were wary of pushing prices much beyond current levels. The Real-Time 30-Share Dax

Index gained 8.44 to 1,587.35. ZURICH - Prices closed firm after a hesitant opening. Demand for chemical shares led the market higher. The All-Share Swiss Index gained 5.2 to a year's high of 1,169.7.

PARIS — Share prices closed slightly higher after a fairly quiet session, with the CAC General Index edging up to a new high. It rose to 505.9 from 504.9 on Tuesday and the 50-Share Price Indicator ended 0.11 per cent higher.

LONDON - Share prices ended at the day's highest levels helped by gains on Wall Street on the back of bargain hunting. The FISE Index closed 15.3 points up at 2,307.6.

NEW YORK - Blue chip stocks were a trace lower in morning trading but remained mired in a tight range in light trading. The Dow Jones Industrials were down one at 2,640.



# **Yannick Noah** thinks of retiring

STRATTON, VT. (R) — Yan-nick Noah, one of tennis's that, Noah never went past third. favourite drawing cards, is sercontemplating retire-

The 29-year-old Noah, who squeaked by a first-round match against Briton Jeremy-Bates 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 Tuesday at the \$602,500 international '89 tennis tournament, has been frustrated by frequent injuries and a plummeting ranking.

Known for playing for the love of the sport, the Frenchman admits to a loss of confidence and enjoyment in his tennis.

I play because I love the game and I love to have a good time and play some semi-finals and finals, but struggling is not much fun for me," said the 25th-ranked

"I feel that it's very difficult to stay when you are one of the top players and having to put all this energy to coming back, especially now that I'm struggling just to

stay in the top 20."
Noah, who has thrilled crowds with his athletic prowess and personality, has won 22 tournaments since 1978. His most impressive victory came in winning the French Open title in 1983, and although many experts thought now.

Noah plans to wait the summer practicing and playing as much as he can — and then evaluate his improvement after the U.S. Open. Unwilling to definitely state that a poor result at the open will force his hand, Noah indicated that that could be his

judgment day.
"I just want to change," said Noah, who hasn't won a title since Milan in February 1988. "I want to go somewhere else, just basically take off in a boat for a few years. I want to live outside of Yannick Noah, tennis players. I'm looking forward to that."

Tennis great Arthur Ashe found Noah, the son of a former professional soccer player, in Cameroon and his tennis career

"I was so young, I don't think I ever decided to be a tennis player, it just happened this way," said Noah, who will meet hardserving American Jim Grabb in the second-round at the international '89.

"How, I'm going to have to make my first decision, as 2 man, as to what do I want to do. And I don't think I can do that right

#### Fishing on the high seas

KAILUA-KONA, Hawari (AP)

— The International Game
Fishing Association team from Kentucky maintained its skim lead with 770 first day points, even though it had a dry run in Tues-day's second day of the 31st Hawaiian international bilifish

American Samoa Game
Fishing Association jumped into second place with 613 points after

Ronald Smothers picking up 200 points each with tag-and-release Marlin catches.

adding 213 points Tuesday with Lyle Larosh's 160-pound (73kilogramme) Marlin, boated on 50-pound (23-kilogramme) test

Marina Del Rey of California moved into third place with 400 points with Carl Lambert and

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

TOP AMERICAN FERRY TO JOIN ROME: Danny Ferry one of the United States' most promising young basketball players, has signed for Messagero Roma of Italy. General manager Clandio Cocchia said Wednesday Ferry and signed a one-year contract in Washington Tuesday with an option to renew. The move came as a surprise in basketball circles in the United States where Ferry, the top college player last year, had been expected to sign for the Los Angeles Clippers. Messagero president Carlo Sama refused to confirm reports that the price was one million dollars. "I think it's enough that a player like Ferry has agreed to come to Italy. It's a historical event. Never before has a player decided to begin his professional career in Italy rather than in the NBA (the U.S. National Basketball Association)." In the United States, Ferry is considered a precision passer of the ball and promises to be one of the game's great ail-rounders.

CHANG, AGASSI TO MISS AUSTRALIAN OPEN: Young Americans Michael Chang, the French Open champion, and Andre Agassi will miss the 1990 Australian Open, organisers of the first Grand Slam of the season said in Melbourne. Chang and Agassi are ranked sixth and seventh in the world respectively. Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and West Germany's Steffi Graf, the world's top men and women players, will return to defend their singles titles from January 15 to 28 at the national tennis centre. The tournament has also attracted Martina Navratilova of the United States and Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, the world's second and third ranked players. (R)

BRAZILIAN STAR SET TO JOIN BAYER: West German first division soccer club Bayer Leverkusen Tuesday dismissed rumours Brazilian star Jorginho would pull out of the deal to join them next month from Rio De Janeiro chib Flamengo. Bayer Manager Reiner Calmund said the 25-year-old right-back had signed a three-year contract with the Bundesliga club and part of an undisclosed transfer fee had already been paid. Brazilian press reports said last week Flamengo's arch-rivals Vasco Da Gama had negotiated with Bayer for Jorginho to join them on loan until June. But Calmund said: "We are not interested in all the chat that the transfer has gone wrong. He will be playing for us in September." (R)

MARADONA TO ARRIVE LATE, BUT RIFT DENIED: Napoli general manager Luciano Moggi said in Naples Tuesday that Diego Maradona would return to Italy later than expected but denied rumours of a rift between the club and the Argentine World Cup captain. Moggi said Maradona's agent, Guiillermo Coppola, had phoned him from Buenos Aires to say the player would return to Naples on August 16 — a week before Napoli play their first game of the season. Maradona was expected back Thursday to take his customary pre-season tune-up at an Alpine clinic. Moggi was upset that Maradona would not appear this week. "A delay of a day or so would be all right, but we won't tolerate any longer," he said. Maradona is reported to be on a family skiing holiday in the exclusive Andean resort of Las Lenas. Coppola said: "Maradona is going on holiday like everyone else. Afterwards, like everyone else, he will be back at work. In Italy, of course. But after his holiday." (R)

# throughto quarters

SAN DIEGO (R) — Top-seeded Steffi Graf needed just 43 minutes to whip American Besty Nagelsen 6-1, 6-1 Tuesday and advance to the quarterfinal round of a \$200,000 women's tennis tournament.

Graf, 20, took the opening set in just 21 minutes, yielding a pair of points off her four services while capitalising on Nagelsen's poor serving.

The world's top player and Wimbledon champion continued to keep the normally aggressive Nagelsen on the defensive in the

"She's a step above any of the players," said unseeded Nagelsen, ranked 35th in the world.

"She does everything so well. She returns so well. She's tough off the ground and she hits the Nagelsen, who moonlights as a

part-time tennis commentator, said Graf didn't surprise her at

"I expected her to play like she did, and she did.

"To beat her you have to have a weapon and pressure her. If not she'll just wail away. You've got to win the points because she's not going to lose them."

Graf, who beat Rene Simpson of Canada 6-0, 6-0 in her opening-round match Monday night, said it was different playing

Nagelsen.
"She plays serve-and-volley and I played a baseliner. There weren't too many rallies because it was difficult to get into a rhythm against her and the points were short."

# Graf goes | Astros smash Reds 5-0

NEW YORK (AP) - Ken Caminiti had three hits, including a two-run single, and Rick Rhoden won his first game for Houston as the Astros defeated the Cincinnati Reds 5-0.

sixth inning by Larry Andersen, and Caminiti doubled. who pitched three perfect innings. Dave Smith pitched a hit-

less ninth. In other National League action Tuesday, the Cuba beat the the season, pitched five scoreless Phillies 4-1, the Mets clobbered innings and Jerome Walton hit a the Cardinals 11-0, the Expos downed the Pirates 5-4, the Giants won over the Dodgers 5-2, and the Braves fell to the Padres

Rhoden, who missed most of May, June and July with a shoulder injury, was making his second appearance since returning from the disabled list on July 25.

Rhoden, 1-3 this season after the first inning on Caminiti's singcoming in a trade from the New le. The Astros scored twice in the York Yankees, scattered seven sixth inning on Billy Hatcher's hits until he was relieved in the single after Glenn Davis walked

Davis made it 5-0 with his 23rd homer, in the ninth.

In Philadelphia, Steve Wilson, making only his second start of two-run triple in the Chicago Cubs' victory over the Phillies. Wilson, who allowed four hits,

left with one on and no outs in the sixth and was charged with Philadelphia's only run when von Haves hit a sacrifice fly later in the inning.
New York's Kevin

McReynolds hit for the cycle and The Astros jumped on loser drove in a career-high six runs Tim Leary, 7-9, for two runs in while Sid Fernandez pitched a

four-hitter, leading the Mets over the Cardinals in St. Louis and snapping a seven-game losing

McReynolds became the first Met to get a homer, single, dou-ble and triple in a nine-inning

game since June 25, 1976, when Mike Phillips did it against the Chicago Cubs. Fernandez, 9-3, walked two and struck out one in improving

his record to 5-1 in his last eight In Pittsburgh, Nelson Santovenia hit a two-run double in

the 11th inning, his second gamewinning hit in as many mights, lifting Montreal over Pittsburgh and extending the Pirates' losing streak to five games.

Doub Bair, 0-2, retired the first

two Expos in the 11th before Hubie Brooks doubled down the left field line and was replaced by pinch-runner Ottis Nixon.

## World league still seeking venue

LONDON (AP) -- Officials are still deciding whether to go ahead with a new international football league next year or postpone the start until 1991, sources said Wednesday.

Tex Schramm, commissioner of the fledgling World League of American Football, and other officials are in London this week meeting with prospective owners and looking at possible playing sites for what is expected to be the league's European flagship

Schramm was unavailable for comment.

The sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said reports in British newspapers that the starting date for the new league definitely would be post- top sports journalists to Europe.

poned until 1991 were wrong. "No decision has been made on when the league will begin play." one said. London, Milan, Frankfurt and

either Barcelona or Paris are scheduled to be the initial European franchises in the league, which also will have teams in the United States, Mexico and

Soccer's World Cup, is scheduled for Itlay next summer, about the time the WLAF would be finishing its first spring-summer

A recent interview, Schramm said the World Cup — while using possible schedule and stadium conflicts - might also enhance the new league by bringing

Last month, the National Football League voted to go ahead with the International League. which will be stocked with players from NFL rosters. It withheld a decision on when to start play, however, with Schramm reported pressing for a 1990 start and others calling for a delay until '91.

Schramm has scheduled a news conference for Thursday in London to discuss the league, but the sources said no definite word on starting dates was expected.

The sources also said that Schramm and other officials were talking with about a half-dozen prospective owners of the London franchise and were looking at six or seven possible venues, including Wembley stadium.

official world cricket because of

The ICC ruling almost certain-

ly spells the end of the careers of the oldest members of the party,

its apartheid policy.

# New rebel cricket tour to S. Africa

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Q.1-As South, vulnerable, you What do you bid now? The bidding has proceeded: South West North. East

What do you bid now? Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you

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2 🛊 What action do you take? Look for answers on Monday.

LONDON (AP) -- Sixteen England cricketers, led by former national team captain Mike Gatting and including many of the country's current test-match regulars, have signed up for two unofficial tours to South Africa, it was reported Tuesday.

The first tour will start on Jan. 24 next year and last six weeks. It will be followed by another in

Gatting, who has played 68 times for his country — 23 as captain - will skipper a party that includes nine players who have represented England during this summer's Ashes series against Australia.

Among them are pacemen Graham Dilley and Neil Foster, offspinner John Emburey and opener Chris Broad. Only one of the party, tour player-manager David Graveney, has not played test cricket.

For several weeks, speculation has intensified in Britain that a team of players was being recruited to visit South Africa. But no details were made public until

Gatting refused to comment when approached about the tour but Graveney issued a statement on behalf of all the party in which

in London Tuesday.

AMMAN (Agencies) — Commonwealth Secretary General Sir Shridath Rampal described the rebel tour as "an act of treachery"

is an act of treachery against the many sportsmen and sports-

women who honourably respect the Gleneagles agreement."

attempts to destabilise international cricket."

year's Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

"The decision cannot be too strongly condemned," he said. "It

"By becoming pawns in the hands of the South African Cricket

Union the rebel group are lending support to South Africa's

In Auckland, New Zealand Foreign Minister Russell Marshall

attacked both the projected cricket tour and British rugby unions

bandling of invitations for individual players to appear in South

Africa. He said they could lead to a black African boycott of next

The rugby invitations were a more serious matter, he said,

"I do not believe that (the tour) will be construed as a victory for apartheid," the statement said. "On the contrary, I he said the players hoped to break down the South African by the South African Cricket system of apartheid, racial Union specifically to bring about

change and provide new opportu- part.

nities for all communities." English cricket, already in disarray against the Australians, will be further disrupted by the South Africans defections. The deal effectively will end the test careers of many of those taking

cricketers in going."

of many top players.

All 16 will be banned automatically for five years following an International Cricket Conference

ruling last January to impose heavy penalties for sporting links with the republic.

South Africa is barred from

including 32-year-old Gatting. Emburey, Dilley and Broad. The loss of young players like paceman Paul Jarvis and batsman Matthew Maynard represent Reaction around the world...

a serious blow to the official England team. SACU managing director, quoted by the Pritish news agency, Press Association, said the

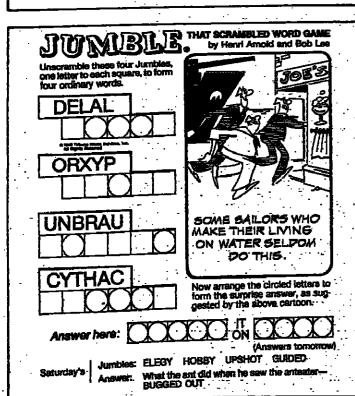
tour was not designed to split world cricket. "We don't want to tell world cricket to go jump in the lake and

we don't want to wreck national squads with poaching raids," Bacher said. "We want to be a world cricket to be a part of us as a way of bringing about changes in South Africa against apartheid."

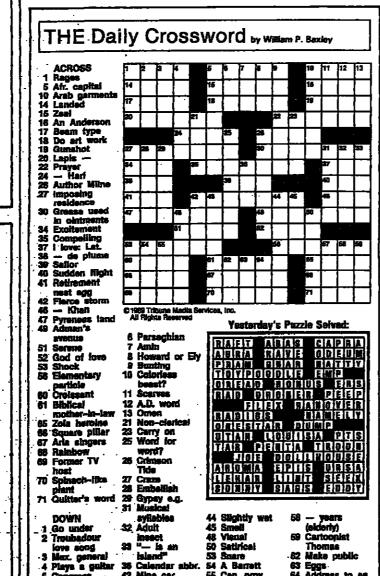
Bacher said, however, that the rejection of South Africa by the other cricketing nations had left his country with no choice but to set up the rebel tour.

# By Harris THE BETTER HALF. HARRIS PAY

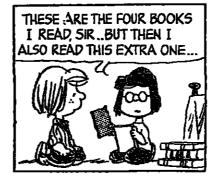
"We could borrow against the equity in my bowling ball! Ants live in the holes, so technically it's a house!"



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#### **Peanuts**



THE LITTLE PRINCE ... OH, WELL! LOOK HOW SHORT IT IS... WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT READING THIS?

because the English cricket board had at least strongly condemned

the rebels and had agreed to ban all of them from selection for

actions of a particular sports body in another country," he added.

incident free Commonwealth Games, then nobody will."

"We don't deserve the games in Auckland to be penalised by the

"If New Zealand is not able to run an uninterrupted and

In Australia, source of the last two rebel tours to South Africa,

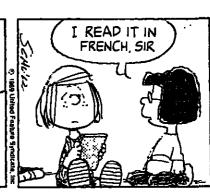
Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said, "There can be no normal

sport in an abnormal society of the kind South Africa represents. I

certainly deplore, the Australian government deplores, the English

The rebel Australian tourists of 1985/6 were banned for three

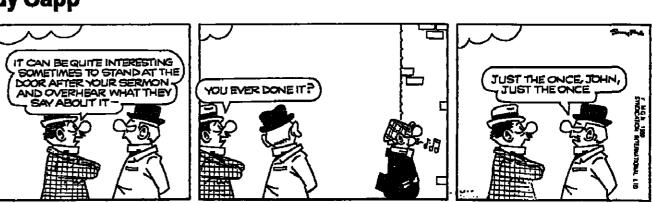
years from international competition, stripping the national team



# Mutt'n' Jeff



# **Andy Capp**





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## China blasts exiled students

day bitterly attacked fugitive students and intellectuals who have called for the overthrow of the Peking government, and lashed at Voice of America radio for

giving them extensive coverage.

About 500 Chinese students and scholars met in Chicago last weekend to form the Front of Democratic China and announced plans to open a radio station and underground newspaper to promote democracy on the mainland.

The main speakers fled China after troops and tanks crushed student-led protest in Peking June 4, with many deaths.

In its first report of the meetting, the People's Daily Communist Party newspaper on its front page denounced the student leaders as "thieves who had sold out the country" and said their movement was doomed to fai-

'These traitors on the run —

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)

has emerged as a possible king-

maker as the party searches for a

reolacement for resigning Prime

Toshio Komoto, head of a 30-

member LDP faction in parlia-

ment, was the focus of specula-

tion Tuesday that either he or one

of his faction members would be

the next party president, and,

because the LDP holds a majority

in the powerful Lower House of

Parliament, Japan's next prime

The mass-circulation newspaper

Asahi shimbun said behind-the-

scenes negotiations centered on

Komoto's faction. The president

is to be formally elected next

Komoto's victory "is the wish

Minister Sousuke Uno.

LDP successor

search near end

TOKYO (AP) - The leader of a of our whole faction," said

however much they rely on anti-Chinese support in (the United States), Taiwan and Hong Kong, however much they madly jump of its reporters. up and down, whatever trouble-

it said. It attacked U.S. governmentfunded Voice of America (VOA) radio for giving extensive coverage to dissident movement leaders Wuerkaixi and Yan Jiaqi.

making troupe they set up... they

are simply despicable buffoons,"

"Using these traitors to wantonly advocate overthrowing the Chinese People's Republic and government is a gross interference in the internal affairs of China," the newspaper said. "It seriously damages the good relations between the U.S. and

"VOA is simply lifting a rock to drop it on its own feet," the newspaper said, reviving a wellknown dictum of the late Chinese ruler Mao Tsetung.
China has repeatedly attacked

who is also seen as a leading

contender for the party's top

Kyodo News Service said sup-

port for Kaifu, 58, is growing in the factions headed by former

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita

and former Foreign Minister

Shintaro Abe, and that he also

would be more acceptable to

The report said Abe had

phoned Komoto, 78, and in-

directly asked him not to run.

Without Komoto in the race, and

young party members.

candidate.

VOA for its coverage of the student protests and expelled two

The People's Daily quoted Hong Kong and Taiwan press reports as saying the dissidents had received money from Hong Kong and the Nationalist government on Taiwan and that aWuerkaixi had his picture taken with a nationalist official in Chicago.

Wuerkaixi and another student at the Chicago meeting, Li Lu, are among 21 studetns on a wanted list published by the Peking police June 13. China is known to have captured only about seven of them.

A Western diplomat said the ferocity of the attack reflected Peking's fear of the influence the new organisation would have on Chinese students abroad and on Chinese on the mainland.

The People's Daily attacked Wnerkaixi for saying that "tens of thousands" were killed June 4.



Sosuke Uno

with Abe and Takeshita backing him. Kaifu would be the leading Mr. Kaifu's position," said the official, who requested anonym-However, a Komoto faction ity. "He continues to support the candidacy of Mr. Komoto, and official said Kaifu and Komoto have not changed their minds.

"There has been no change in ming himself." has not said anything about run-

# Who are the bad guys in Australia?

By Richard Bill The Associated Press

SYDNEY — Australia's police forces are reeling from a series or recent scandals in which senior officers have been charged with rape, corruption and drug trafficking.

"It makes me wonder why the bell we have an oath of office." said Tony Day, spokesman for the New South Wales (NSW) Police Associa-

Some police say that the cases involve a relatively small number of police and that the good deeds of law enforcement officers usually go unpublicised.

Former NSW detective Superintendent Harry Blackburn was charged in late July with 27 counts of violent sexual assault for crimes, daring back to 1969, that he had been responsible for investigating. He allegedly forced couples from their cars, tied up the men and raped the women.

Police in three of Australia's six stats were implicated earlier in the mouth in a 2-million (U.S.) dollar-a-year stolen car racket that officials said was part of a "highly organised criminal enterprise." Police in-volvement was said to date to In Queensland, investigator

Tony Fitzgerald led a recently concluded inquiry that uncovered a web of alleged corruption involving police, local politicians and businessmen. The two-year probe resulted in 16 counts of corruption and perjury against former Commissioner of Police Sir Terence

In South Australia state, the head of the drug squad, Barry Moyce, was jailed for 28 years last August for heroin trafficking.

New South Wales, which is Australia's most populous state and includes the largest city, Sydney, has had the most attention from newspapers that carry almost-daily sensational accounts of crooked cops.

For NSW minister for police Rex Jackson is serving a prison sentence for taking bribes to shorten prison sentences. Roger Rogerson, former head of the armed holdup squad, is under investigation for attempted murder and racketeering. The former chief magistrate, Murray Farquahar, recently released from jail, has been re-arrested for alleged possession of stolen paintings.

NSW police have launched an internal investigation over a

innocent aborigine was gunned down in bed by a police special forces team in a hunt for another man who had shot two policemen.

The government also ordered an official investigation into the deaths of 105 aborigines in police custody nationwide since 1980. It found that police officials had perjured themselves under oath, fuelling allegations that many of the deths were the result of police brutality.

And, in a separate corruption inquiry, senior NSW state police said 22 officers were dismissed and more 200 others counselled last year following 2,230 public complaints for alleged assault, neglect of

duty and rudeness. Assistant Police Commissioner Tony Lauer said that in an effort to regain public confidence, all senior police officials must provide details of their financial assets and debts.

Despite the bad publicity, federal police spokesman Brian Minnards said: "It's the usual problem of a few bad apples. The media doesn't say anything about the 'thank you' letters that come in for a job well done. They concentrate only on the bad side of things."

# Poland elects premier

WARSAW (R) — Poland's communist leaders stamped out an unprecedented parliamentary revolt Wednesday and forced the appointment of controversial Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak as prime minister.

through his appointment by threatening to dissolve parliament and ditch dozens of rebel com-munist and allied peasant and democratic party deputies from safe seats if Kiszczak was not

Kiszczak, a craggy, 63-year-old army general and chief executor of martial law in the early 1980s, was then comfortably elected by 237-173 votes with 10 absten-

But in a further sign of political turmoil in this East Bloc country. parliament also voted 206-169 to form a special commission to consider impeaching outgoing Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski and members of his government for economic mis-

Rakowski was elected Communist Party leader Saturday. The impeachment move appeared clearly aimed at discre-

Thatcher

reshuffle

angers

cabinet

LONDON (AP) — In a cabinet shuffle that humiliated her long-

time foreign secretary. Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher has

angered powerful political associ-

ates with what some regard as an

It was not so much what she did

of the 22 cabinet posts changed

hands — that has upset the

hierarchy of the usually well-

disciplined Conservative Party.

It was the way she did it that

left wounds and resentments.

And some analysts believe those

hard feelings could mark the be-ginning of the political end for the leader who came to power a

"Many of us found what went

on nauscating," Tory legislator David Howell, chairman of the

House of Commons Foreign

Affairs Committee, said in a tele-

He spoke after news broke of

how Thatcher moved aside Sir

Geoffrey Howe, Britain's longest

serving foreign secretary since

World War II, and replaced him

with a virtual unknown, John

In the process, Thatcher

offered Howe another senior, but

less prestigious job, home secret-

present incumbent, Douglas

Hurd, according to Howe's aides.

viewing it a demotion after six

He settled for what Thatcher's office called the "courtesy title"

of deputy prime minister, the job

of government leader in the Com-

mons, and residence in a country

mansion, Dorneywood. That

mansion now is being used as a

weekend retreat by the third

member of Thatcher's top cabinet

trio, Chancellor of the Exchequer

Nigel Lawson.
"This is how regimes behave

when they have begun to take power for granted," commented

London Sunday Times columnist

Off the record, government

ministers were quoted as com-

plaining that Thatcher, 63, com-

mitted a major blunder by humi-

liating or insulting her top three

Some described the shuffle by

Thatcher — who has sole power

to appoint cabinet ministers from

among her party's legislators — as a "shambles" and said it re-

flected her increasing lack of con-

On the record, Thatcher's

Downing Street office took the

unusual step of announcing that

she supported Hurd and would

have kept him in an unspecified

top job. Her office also said there

will be no more cabinet shakeups

before the next general election. It must be held by mid-1992.

sultation with the cabinet.

Robert Harris.

cabinet colleagues.

years as foreign secretary.

Howe, 62, turned that down,

- without consulting the

decade ago.

vision interview.

affront that has gone too far.

Parliamentary sources said diting the ruling party but several communist leaders pushed of its deputies voted with the opposition for creation of the

> Kiszczak promised to present a cabinet and programme in two weeks but he indicated there would be no major change in economic policy by re-appointing Ireneusz Sekula as deputy prime minister with responsibility for

> the economy.
>
> Solidarity's parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek offered qualified opposition support, saying it would back sound economic policies but would not shore up "the crumbling structures of power."

Geremek told state radio it was "high time" for an opposition government but he was not sure the Soviet Union, the Polish army and police were ready to accept

Kiszczak's election was thrown into serious doubt Tuesday by a revolt among communist deputies

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -

Scores of black and Indian pa-

tients, backed by throngs of pro-

testers, sought treatment at

segregated hospitals for whites Wednesday as the anti-apartheid

movement lannched a nationwide

At major hospitals in Johan-

nesburg and Durban, patients

ranging from school children to

wheelchair-bound grandmothers were admitted for treatment.

Hospital officials, trying to avoid

confrontations, said they would

defiance campaign.

as well as members of the peasant and democratic parties allied with them since the late 1940s.

Sixty of the Peasant Party's 76 tuesday they would join Solidar-ity's 161 deputies in voting against Kiszczak. Some sources manists were among those seam said up to 80 per cent of the 27 democratic deputies also threatened to join the revolt.

The rebellion was unprecedented in Poland's post-war political history.

Solidarity deputies also said the Peasant Party was offering to cross the floor and join the opposition movement in forming a government that would have commanded a parliamentary

majority. But Peasant Party sources told Renters Wednesday they were forced to back down by outraged Communists at a series of noisy caucus meetings Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.
"We were told at a caucus

meeting this morning that if we could not elect a prime minister, the president (General Wojciech Jaruzelski) would dissolve parliament and the splinter group would not be able to get back into parliament." a Peasant deputy said.

Jazuzelski has the right to dissolve parliament if a deadlock prevents the appointment of a

government. Despite this pressure, at least

Rebels said they opposed Kisz-czak because he had the image of a ruthless general — despite his recent role as chief negotiator in an historic political reform deal with Solidarity—and because his appointment would show the country the reforms had changed

His election was the second narrow escape for the Commun-ists in two weeks in getting a top state appointment through parlia-

Only the assistance of a few Solidarity moderates June 19 secured Jaruzelski's election as president after a mini-revolt among the Communists' allies.

Geremek, in his radio interview, said Solidarity was ready to form a government at any mo-

"It was realistic and it is realistic at any moment that the opposition creates a govern-

# Blacks launch defiance campaign

appeared in genuine need of medical care. theid leaders. Twelve white women supporting the protest were arrested in Johannesburg, but no violence was reported at any of the eight

tion of anti-apartheid groups that has organised the defiance cam-In the port city of Durban, about 800 protesters staged an illegal demonstration near Addington hospital while scores of blacks and Indians sought

hospitals targeted by the Mass

Democratic Movement, a coali-

admission for treatment under the direction of senior anti-apar-The first protester to enter the

facility was Mariam Jagga, an elderly Indian woman in a wheelchair. She was processed and given an admission card. More than 20 blacks were

admitted to Johannesburg General hospital by mid-morning, and scores of supporters gathered nearby. Like Addington, Johannesburg General regularly admits some blacks for emergency care and some specialised treatment.

# not turn away anyone who Kosovo miners ignore appeals, continue strike

BELGRADE (R) — Hundreds strike in Kosovo in February to provincial capital Pristina, where of ethnic Albanian miners ignored appeals from authorities in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo Wednesday and con-tinued a strike which is the region's worst labour unrest since nationalist riots in March.

Pitmen at the Trepca lead and zinc mine, angry at having to wait more than a month for their June salaries, refused to work for the second consecutive day despite promises from officials that they would be paid later Wednesday or Thursday.

Local authorities said the dispute was chiefly over money. But support demands that ethnic Albanians keep the autonomy they were granted under Yugoslavia's 1974 constitution. Yugoslav authorities suppres-

Officials in Kosovo said the

sed the strike with armed forces and in March passed control over Kosovo to Serbia, the country's largest republic. Twenty-five people were killed in subsequent riots, Yugoslavia's worst communal violence since World War

strike had not spread outside Titova Mitrovica, the town 200 kilometres south of Belgrade Albanian nationalism is strong, was reported quiet. Up to 700 miners went on

strike Tuesday at Trepca, which is Kosovo's largest industrial enterprise with more than 20,000 workers. Its lead and zinc pits are the biggest in Yugoslavia and the plant produces more than half of Kosovo's exports.

Trepca is in deep financial trouble, part of a wider crisis in Kosovo where the 36 per cent twice the Yugoslav average and where the average monthly wage of about \$100 is less than twothe Trepca miners led a general where the mines are located. The thirds of the Yugoslav norm.

Third World in 1988, down from

50 per cent in 1987, and the

United States sold 31 per cent, up

from 15 per cent in 1987, the

U.S. sale of missiles and 40 F-18

jet fighters to Kuwait as one of

the transactions that boosted the

It said that during 1988 France

made sales of \$3.1 billion, China

\$1.9 billion, Britain \$1 billion.

U.S. total for 1988.

The study cited a \$1.9 billion

study said.

# **U.S.** arms sales to Third World increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States increased arms sales to the Third World last year, nearly matching deals made by the Soviet Union, according to a report to the U.S. Congress re-

leased Tuesday.

The study by the Congressional
Research Service, an arm of Congress, said France was the thirdranking arms supplier to the Third World, followed by China,

Britain and Italy.
Sales by West Germany have dropped more sharply than those of any other leading supplier over the past decade, and the country now trails North Korea and

Czechoslovakia, the study said. Total arms sales by all countries to the Third World declined

in 1988 to \$29.7 billion, the lowest level since 1983, it said. The report cited two principal factors that it said explains the overall decline in Third World

- Many countries are only now receiving weapons bought in previous years and are not purchasing large numbers of new,

expensive items;

— "Many Third World countries are burdened by significant debts and are thus unable or unwilling to commit the funds necessary to obtain additional weapons they might otherwise

"The Soviet Union and the United States have clearly dominated the Third World arms market as the top two suppliers from 1981-1988," accounting for half of all sales.

U.S. arms sales rose to \$9.2 billion in 1988, a 66 per cent increase over the previous year, while Soviet sales fell by 47 per cent to \$9.9 billion, it said.

The Soviets sold 33 per cent of the weapons obtained by the \$1.2 billion.

Italy \$250 million and West Germany \$70 billion. From 1985 through 1986, the Soviets were in first place with

\$60.3 billion in sales, followed by the United States with \$23.6 billion, Britain \$11.6 billion, China \$9.7 billion, France \$9.2 billion. Czechoslovakia \$2.5 billion, Italy \$2.2 billion, North Korea \$2.15 billion, West Germany and Bra-zil, \$1.4 billion each, and Spain

# **1988** hostage drama grips W. Germans ESSEN, West Germany (AP) - 16, 1988 when two robbers barri-

The trial of three men accused of murder in a 1988 hostage-taking, which left three people dead and shocked the nation, began Wednesday in a packed Essen

The 54-hour ordeal last August included a bank robbery, a bus hijacking, the murder of a teenage boy, a high-speed crash that killed a pursuing police officer, and a shootout that left a woman hostage dead on a major bighway.

Millions of West German television viewers watched in horror as parts of the terror were played out live in front of television

Hans-Juergen Roesner, Dieter Degowski and Marion Loeblich are charged with murder and kidnapping, among other counts. The hostage drama began Aug.

caded themselves inside a bank in the central West German town of Gladbeck after police circled the The robbers took two bank

employees hostage and were allowed to leave the scene, tailed On Aug. 17, after picking up a

woman accomplice, the gangsters seized a city bus in Bremen carrying 35 people. Negotiations with police failed, and the gunmen ordered the bas onto an antobahn. .

A 15-year-old boy was shot to death by the gangsters at a high-way rest area after police tried to seize the woman accomplice. The bus then raced west, and a police officer pursuing the kidnappers died when his car crashed.

On Aug. 18, the kidnappers commandeered the bus into the

Netherlands, just over the West German border, and released all hostages but two women. Police delivered a high-powered auto-mobile to the kidnappers, who fled back into West Germany after a heavy exchange of gunfire.

Police finally put an end to the ordeal on an Autobahn just outside of Bonn, ramming the bandits' car with a Mercedes and opening fire.

One of the hostages, 18-yearold Silke Bischof, was killed during the exchange, and police said she died from a bullet fired by one of the gangsters. The defendants' attorney, Rolf

Bossi, said in his opening statement at Essen's district court that law officials were responsible for escalating the bank robbery into "the most speciacular hostage-taking" to ever occur in West Germany.

#### Bee Gees on the attack

NEW YORK (AP) — Twelve years after their chart-topping album "Saturday Night Fever" made them kings of the tisco cra. the Bee Gees are looking for respect from American mus diences. The brothers - Robin. Barry and Maurice Gibb - are hoping to put their white-suited gold chain-wearing days believed them as they embark on their first. U.S. tour in a decade. "We've spent too many years on the defensive, and now that we're on the attack, it feels a damn again better," Barry said in an interview. "This band has been around for 30 years, so it's little unfair to tag us with the disco-label. Paul McCartney made disco records. Rod Stewart did. Even Ethel Merman, which shows you how outrageous the times were." The brothers of falsetto harmony have faced several trials during the past decade --- the cocaine-related death of brother Andy last year. Maurice's treatment for alcoholism in 1980 and record company battles that kept them from recording for eight years. The tour will promote their new album.

#### Actor defends Colt association

DETROIT (AP) — Actor Billy Dee Williams has defended his association with Colt 45 malt iquor, saying criticism of liquor advertisements that target blacks is overblown. "I think people are getting a little ridiculous, Wilhams said after making a dona-tion to the special Olympits. "When we don't know what to do, we start picking at anything. The whole focus should be not so much on the beer but on how you lead your life," said Williams, a spokesman for Colt for several years. Black leaders in Detroit, citing studies showing more alcohol and tobacco-related health problems among blacks than among whites, have been sharply critical of advertisements for those products in the city. Wayne county commissioner Alberta Tiusley-Williams has proposed bauming new billboards advertis-ing such products.

#### Suspect 'gives up' evidence

VILKINSBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) - Police say the stolen evidence was within sight - on the X-ray of the suspect's stomach - and the only question was how to recover the two diamond rings. So R.C. Wright, 29, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, decided to "regurgitate the rings", said officer Robert Tuite. "It was voluntary on his part." Police. who responded to a report of a break-in at a house ordered the intruder to surrender, and he eventually did, authorities said. The homeowner said a .32-calibre revolver and two rings - a halfcarat diamond ring worth about \$600 and a smaller diamond ring worth about \$300 — were missing, police said. They found the pistol, but concluded their suspect must have swallowed the rings, authorities said. Police got a search warrant and took Wright to a hospital, where X-rays showed the rings clearly, police said. Police said doctors said The rings could be recovered through stomach pumping or surgery or by waiting for him to pass them. As it turned out, he knew that things weren't going to be all that comfortable for him anyway, so he decided to cough them up,"

#### Global . weather

(major world cities)

said Dan Rearick. "He just said,

wait a minute. Then he coughed up the rings. Rearick said the

suspect handed the rings to

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